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MONTANA GROUP TRAVEL UPDATE 1995-96

What's New?

Since we went to press, several attractions and accommodations have opened their doors in Montana. They're too good to overlook!

Grizzly Discovery Center

201 S. Canyon, P.O. Box 996
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7001 800-257-2570
Fax 406-646-7004

Located at the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park, this educational center offers visitors a rare opportunity to watch live grizzlies and gain a greater understanding of this magnificent animal while in grizzly country. Exhibits, movies and unique gift store enhance the experience. Bears are seen playing and foraging inside a natural habitat area.

Open year-round, 9 A.M.–7 P.M. (summer), 9 A.M.–Dusk (winter). Group tours available. Group admission: $4/person. Minimum time: 30 minutes without movie.

Yellowstone IMAX Theatre

101 S. Canyon Street, P.O. Box 504
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-4400
Fax 406-646-4101

Presented on a six-story-high screen with surround-sound stereo, "Yellowstone" interprets the history, wildlife, geothermal activity and grandeur of our first national park. Together with the Grizzly Discovery Center, IMAX is the perfect complement to the Yellowstone experience.

Open year-round, 9 A.M.–9 P.M. (May 1–Oct. 15), 11 A.M.–8 P.M. (Oct. 16–April 30). Group admission (minimum of 15): $4/person. Minimum time: 50 minutes. Special rates and lounge for tour escort and driver.

Sqélix^{w}/Aq‡smakni·k' Cultural Center, "The People's Center"

53253 U.S. Highway 93, P.O. Box 278
Pablo, MT 59855
406-675-0160 Fax 406-675-0260

This tribal center exists to share the Salish, Kootenai and Pend Oreille way of life through educational programs, a living museum, library, archives and a gift shop.

Open year-round. April through September: 9 A.M.–9 P.M.; October through March, 9 A.M.–5 P.M. (Monday-Friday). Group tours available. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Group admission: $2/adult, $1/senior and student, children 6 and under, free.

Havre Beneath the Streets

100 Third Ave., P.O. Box 1605
Havre, MT 59501
406-265-8888

Explore a restored community that thrived underground a century ago in northcentral Montana. Between 1889 and 1935, a racial mix of black, red, yellow and white co-existed, sometimes explosively, in the rough-and-tumble town of Havre. Uncover the mystery of this underground community that included the Wah Sing Laundry, Tamale Jim's, the Sporting Eagle Saloon, a bordello, opium den and more.

Open year-round, 9 A.M.–5 P.M. (Monday-Saturday), Sunday by appointment for groups of 15 or more. Group tours available. Minimum time: 75 minutes. Admission: $5/adult,$3/children under 12, $4/adult for groups of 25, $3/adult for groups of 30 or more; children 6 and under, free.

Charlie Russell Chew-Choo

224 W. Main, P.O. Box 1123
Lewistown, MT 59457
800-735-7886 Fax 406-538-7477

The central Montana dinner train travels 25 miles over the Central Montana rail line (formerly Milwaukee Road) through the scenic landscape that inspired Montana's beloved cowboy artist, Charlie Russell. Prime rib dinner and entertainment are included in each run.

Tours depart weekend evenings late June through September or by appointment. Boarding time is 5 P.M. Minimum time: 4.5 hours. Admission: $65/person. For reservations: 800-735-7886, M-F, 8 A.M.–5 P.M., Saturday, 8 A.M.–Noon.

New Lodging

Colstrip Super 8 406-748-3400
Fax 406-748-3400

Glendive Kings Inn 406-365-5636
Fax 406-365-8943

Hamilton Super 8 406-363-2940
Fax 406-363-2940

Kalispell Ramada Klondike Inn
406-857-2200 Fax 406-857-2221

Lolo Days Inn 406-276-2121
Fax 406-273-0712

Shelby TownHouse Inns 406-434-2212
Fax 406-434-2498

St. Regis Super 8 406-649-2422

West Yellowstone Conference Hotel
406-646-7365 Fax406- 646-4433

Whitehall Super 8 406-287-5588

Montana Outdoors is Montana at its Best

Montana at its best is Yankee Jim Canyon from a whitewater raft, the Bob Marshall Wilderness on horseback, the Bighorn River when the trout are hungry or the Wild & Scenic Upper Missouri River when the water is high. These are just a sampling of the many soft adventure tours that await you here. There are wildlife tours, guided ski and snowmobile trips, scenic lake cruises, bicycle tours, even cattle drives. Let Montana's outdoor recreation specialists put the Big Sky stamp on your tour itineraries. Find them listed in our Group Tour Planning Guide as attractions.

Not new but worth a closer look are several attractions that will brighten your tour itinerary with scenic, historic and recreational appeal.

Billings & Vicinity

Apsaalooka Tours

1 Forestry Lane, P.O. Box 370
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-7211 Fax 406-638-7213

Custom tours of the Crow Indian Reservation. Options include the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn River floats, Indian cultural presentations, dance performances, Indian food and more. Tours are arranged by the Little Big Horn College tourism department.

Tours offered June, July and August. Rates vary. Notify at least 10 days in advance.

Beartooth Highway

U.S. Highway 212 from Red Lodge to Yellowstone National Park

406-446-1718/2103

Described by CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt as "the most beautiful drive in America," this 69-mile drive reaches nearly 11,000 feet by a series of switchbacks and hairpin turns. Sky-top views of snow-capped peaks, glaciers, alpine lakes and plateaus make this a truly memorable travel experience.

Open June to mid-October. Allow three hours for this drive.

The Pollard Hotel

2 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 650
Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-0001 Fax 406-446-3733

Built in 1893, this grand old hotel has been completely renovated, combining turn-of-the-century elegance with contemporary amenities. The Pollard offers a quiet, relaxing atmosphere in the midst of the fun-loving, mountain resort town of Red Lodge. Combine your stay with skiing in winter or fishing, hiking, and exploring the nearby Beartooth Highway and Yellowstone Park in summer. There are 36 rooms, some with hot tubs, and a full-service dining room. A full breakfast is included in the room rate, which runs $75–$175.

Yellowstone River Expeditions

2242 SW 45th, P.O. Box 20132
Billings, MT 59104
Phone & Fax 406-652-7561
800-598-8682

These daily jetboat tours offer wildlife viewing and local history in addition to a scenic change of pace on Montana's lower Yellowstone River. Horseback rides and chuck wagon dinners are also available through this outfitter.

Open daily, May 20–Sept. 10, daylight hours. Admission varies according to activities. Book tours through the Billings KOA, 406-252-3104.

Bozeman & Vicinity

Big Sky Ski & Summer Resort

P.O. Box 160001
Big Sky, MT 59716
406-995-5000 Fax 406-995-5003
800-548-4487 (Groups), 800-548-4486 (Individual reservations & information)

This destination resort offers an 18-hole Arnold Palmer golf course, tennis courts, scenic lift ride, whitewater rafting, horseback rides and blue ribbon fly fishing. In winter, downhill skiers can enjoy the highest vertical drop in the U.S. as well as 3,500 acres on two mountains. Other winter activities include cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and wildlife watching. The sales staff at Big Sky can assist you in arranging these services.

Gallatin Gateway Inn

U.S. Highway 191, P.O. Box 376
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
406-763-4672, 800-676-3522
Fax 406-763-4672

Originally built in 1927 as a summer resort for Yellowstone Park visitors, the Gallatin Gateway Inn was a grand railroad hotel that has been fully restored. The original railroad clock, Polynesian mahogany woodwork, decoratively carved beams and high arched windows reflect the luxury of an earlier era. The inn has 35 rooms, a spacious restaurant, conference and banquet facilities. Activities include a fly casting pond, tennis courts, swimming pool and mountain bikes. Nearby are excellent fishing, horseback riding, hiking and skiing. Guided historical tours also available.

Open year-round, 6 A.M.–10 P.M.

Northern Rockies Natural History

P.O. Box 42
Bozeman, MT 59771
406-586-1155 Fax 406-587-1813

These custom tours focus on wildlife, natural and cultural history in the Bozeman area, including Yellowstone Park and the Gallatin and Paradise valleys. NRNH provides interpretive guide service for auto, van and bus tours. The company also offers evening natural history presentations. A deluxe, six-person van equipped for wildlife viewing is available. These programs are both educational and entertaining.

Tours available year-round. Plan for half- or full-day format. Group admission in NRNH van is $85/person. Step-on guide service ranges from $190–$240.

What's Hot?

Sacajawea Inn

5 N. Main St., P.O. Box 648
Three Forks, MT 59752
406-285-6615, 800-821-7326
Fax 406-285-4210

With its wraparound porch, lofty ceilings and antique furnishings, this grand railroad hotel offers welcome respite for travelers. Built in 1882 and completely renovated in 1991, the Sacajawea offers modern comforts and fine dining while preserving an important piece of Montana history. The community of Three Forks gets its name from the nearby confluence of three great rivers—the Jefferson, the Madison and the Gallatin—to form the Missouri River. This was a milestone in the Lewis & Clark Expedition of 1805-06. The Sacajawea derives its name from the Indian woman who helped guide the expedition. Year-round outdoor recreation opportunities include fishing, hiking and skiing. Short tours available.

Butte & Vicinity

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

1500 Fairmont Road
Anaconda, MT 59711
800-332-3272 Fax 406-797-3337

This full-service resort, located between Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, offers 24-hour access to two Olympic-size pools and two hot mineral soaking pools. Other activities include an 18-hole, par 72, championship golf course, horseback riding, western-style barbecues and local historical tours.

Open year-round. Call for reservations, rates and additional information.

World Museum of Mining and Hell Roarin' Gulch

West Park and Granite Street,
P.O. Box 3333
Butte, MT 59702
406-723-7211

This Mining City attraction features both indoor and outdoor exhibits containing thousands of articles common to the mines and miners' way of life. Hell Roarin' Gulch is a reconstructed, turn-of-the-century mining camp with cobble-stone streets. Buildings include a general store, assay office, saloon, drug store, soda fountain and many more.

Open daily, June–Labor Day, 9 A.M.–9 P.M. Rest of year: Tuesday–Sunday, 10 A.M.–5 P.M. Closed mid-November through March. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission free.

Great Falls & Vicinity

Lewis & Clark Honor Guard

c/o Great Falls Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2127
Great Falls, MT 59403
406-761-4434 Fax 406-761-6129

This living history group conducts programs to inform and entertain by allowing the audience to participate in the history of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, which explored this region in 1805 and opened the Northwest to trade and settlement. Costumes and equipment are authentic. Programs can be conducted indoors or outside.

Available year-round, 6 P.M.–10 P.M. weekdays, 10 A.M.–10 P.M. weekends. Programs must be arranged 30 days in advance. Minimum time: 2 hours. Admission: $5/person.

Missouri River Outfitters

P.O. Box 762
Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3295

Not much has changed on the Wild and Scenic Upper Missouri River since early explorers used it as the main waterway to the West. Stretching 150 miles downriver from Fort Benton, the Upper Missouri is a wide, easy-going and remote river, filled with wildlife and history. Missouri River Outfitters offers half-day to nine-day guided trips for up to 20 people per riverboat. Visitors need sleeping bags for extended trips; full food service and camping gear are provided. Guided canoe trips and canoe rentals are also available.

Season runs April 15–October 15. Minimum time: 4 hours. Write or call for rates; deposit required.

Helena & Vicinity

Gates of the Mountains

16 miles N of Helena off I-15
P.O. Box 478,
Helena, MT 59624
406-458-5241

Named by the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1805, this spectacular gorge is reached only by boat or trail. Towering cliffs appeared to block the expedition's passage up the Missouri River. As the explorers neared the site, the cliffs appeared to pull apart like a huge gate. Passenger excursion boats take visitors through the "Gates" on 2-hour scenic cruises. The tour combines wildlife viewing and history with great scenic appeal.

Tours operate on a regular schedule from Memorial Day through late September. Charter service available for groups of 20 or more. Minimum time: 2 hours. Group admission: $5/adult; $4/senior.

The Hi-Line (U.S. 2)

Bear Paw Battleground

P.O. Box 26, 16 miles S of Chinook on Highway 240
Chinook, MT 59523
406-357-3130 Fax 406-357-3140

One of Montana's three units of the Nez Perce National Historic Park, the battleground memorializes the last major encounter between American Indians and the U.S. Cavalry. It was here that Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce made his famous speech: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." There is a short interpretive trail.

Open year-round. Daylight hours in summer, by appointment September–May. Full-time park ranger is available mid-May to mid-September. Minimum time: 1.5 hours. Admission free.

Fort Assinniboine

P.O. Box 308, Star Route 36, 6 miles SW of Havre off U.S. Highway 87
Havre, MT 59501
406-265-8336 Fax 406-265-7451

Explore Montana's oldest and largest military post. Established in 1879, Fort Assinniboine once housed more than 500 residents. View officers' quarters, barracks and entertainment hall.

Open mid-May to mid-September. Daytime and evening tours on request. Minimum time: 1 hour. Group admission: $3/adult; $1.50/student; children free.

Fort Peck Dam & Museum

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 208
Fort Peck, MT 59223
406-526-3411

Fort Peck Dam is one of the world's oldest and largest hydraulic earthfill dams—an earthen structure that stretches from bluff to bluff, more than four miles across the Missouri River. Fort Peck Lake has a shoreline of more than 1,600 miles. The power plant museum includes fossils of dinosaurs, armored fishes and swimming reptiles, as well as artifacts from old Fort Peck.

Museum open daily, Memorial Day–Labor Day, 8:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M. Guided, 1-hour tours of the power plant leave on the hour. Maximum of 20 persons per tour. Admission free.

Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeology Site

U.S. Highway 2 W
c/o Hill County Courthouse
300 4th Street
Havre, MT 59501
406-265-6417/7550

This prehistoric bison kill site is the largest and best-preserved of its kind in this area of the northern plains. Artifact exhibits interpret the significance of the site.

Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 A.M.–5 P.M., mid-May to mid-September. Daytime tours Tuesday through Sunday; 7 P.M. tour Tuesday through Saturday. Minimum time: 60 minutes. Group admission: $4.50/adult; $3/senior; $2/student.

Kalispell & Vicinity

The Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort

P.O. Box 1400
Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3511 800-858-5439
Fax 406-862-2955

With Glacier National Park next door and more than 3,000 acres of skiable terrain, The Big Mountain is among North America's largest and most scenic ski and summer resorts. Summer activities include a scenic gondola ride, hiking, horseback riding, chuckwagon dinners, village and summit dining and music festivals. In winter, this destination ski resort can handle 7,000 skiers an hour. Lodging ranges from economy to deluxe; other facilities include restaurants, bars, ski school, ski shop, ski rentals, photographic and video shop.

Open 9 A.M.–10 P.M. late November to mid-April; 10 A.M.–9:45 P.M. early May to September. Value season and group rates.

Diamond K Chuckwagon

5121 U.S. Highway 93 S
Whitefish, MT 59937
P.O. Box 1045
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-862-4242 Fax 406-892-2298

Chuckwagon-style buffet dinner, live western music (Sons of Pioneers style) and comedy stage show.

Open mid-June to September, 6:30–9 P.M. Minimum time: 2.25 hours. Group admission: $14.95/adult; $9.95/student(13–16 yrs); $12.50/children 12 and under; 10% discount for groups; driver and tour guide free.

The Far West

P.O. Box 248
Bigfork, MT 59911
406-857-3203; 406-837-4391 (in winter)

Enjoy beautiful Flathead Lake aboard the Far West, a two-level cruise boat with a capacity of 200. Scheduled daytime cruises last 90 minutes. Special tours include sunset cruise, Montana barbecue and a fiesta night. Charters can be arranged to all points of the lake from any suitable docking location. Full catering and live music available for private charter.

Tours operate during summer months. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Group admission: $7/adult; $4/children 12 and under.

What's Hot?

Izaak Walton Inn

123 Izaak Walton Inn Road,
P.O. Box 653
Essex, MT 59916
406-888-5700 Fax 406-888-5200

Originally built in 1939 to accommodate Great Northern Railway crews, the Izaak Walton today welcomes Amtrak passengers detraining at its front door as well as visitors arriving by bus or car. Lots of railroad memorabilia and an attractive location on the edge of Glacier National Park make the inn a popular stop along U.S. Highway 2, midway between East and West Glacier. The inn maintains cross-country ski trails in winter and offers guided ski tours of Glacier.

Open year-round, 7 A.M.–10 P.M. Minimum time: 2–3 hours for a meal and tour.

Wild Eyes Photo Adventures

894 Lake Drive
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-387-5391

Located near Glacier National Park, Wild Eyes offers a magnificent backdrop for wildlife photography of wolves, grizzly bears, bobcats, birds of prey and more. Hosts are experienced wildlife handlers who are licensed to raise these animals for observation. On-site cabins can accommodate 6 to 8. Larger groups need to make special arrangements. Fees vary. Open year-round.

Miles City & Vicinity

Makoshika State Park

3 miles SE of Glendive off I-94
c/o Glendive Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 930
Glendive, MT 59330
406-365-5601

To the Sioux Indians who named this place, Makoshika means "bad earth" or "bad land." Eerie formations sculpted by wind and water can be seen from turnouts that overlook a broad vista of eastern Montana badlands. Deep gorges, rugged cliffs, haystack buttes and spires are the result of millions of years of erosion. Also a rich fossil site, more than 10 species of dinosaurs have been identified.

Open daily, April–November during daylight hours. Minimum time: 60 minutes. Daily entrance fee.

Range Riders Museum

Old Highway 10 W, Exit 135 off I-94
P.O. Box 730
Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-4483

Located on the site of an Army cantonment built in 1876, this museum houses one of the finest collections of cattle and cowboy lore found anywhere. Exhibits include a Fort Keogh replica, a carriage house with horse-drawn vehicles, a reproduced main street of old Milestown, a homestead log house, gun collection and cowboy artifacts.

Open daily, April–October, 8 A.M.–8 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 2 hours. Admission, $3.50/adult.

Missoula & Vicinity

Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center

U.S. Highway 93,
1/2 mile W of the airport
P.O. Box 6, Airport Terminal
Missoula, MT 59802
406-429-4934

Smokejumpers are highly trained specialists who parachute into remote areas of national forest to fight the spread of wildfires. The nation's largest training base for smokejumpers is located in Missoula. The visitor center at the Depot offers updated displays, dioramas and videos related to fire suppression. Guided tours of the parachute loft and training facilities are available.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, 8:30 A.M.–5 P.M. Allow 45–60 minutes. Minimum time without tour: 20 minutes. Admission free, donations accepted.

Allard's Flathead Indian Museum & Trading Post

1 Museum Lane, U.S. Highway 93
St. Ignatius, MT 59865
406-745-2951 800-821-3318
Fax 406-745-2961

Located in the Mission Valley, this complex includes the Flathead Indian Museum, a live buffalo exhibit and a two-story log trading post and gift shop featuring local beadwork and crafts. View jam, jelly and syrup being made the old-fashioned way at the gourmet huckleberry jam factory while you enjoy a huckleberry ice cream cone or fresh huckleberry pie. Convenience store on site.

Open year-round, 9 A.M.–9 P.M. (May–September) 9 A.M.–5:30 P.M. (October–April). Huckleberry Jam Factory open May–September only. Group tours with advance notice. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

A!luring Getaways & Promotions
4647 McHugh Drive P.O. Box 9113
Helena, MT 59604
406-443-8834 800-396-8834

Custom and package tours tailored to both business and pleasure travel; specializing in unique group and FIT itineraries, special events and concerts in the Pacific Northwest.

American West Adventures
P.O. Box 10
Billings, MT 59102
406-252-9711 Fax 406-252-3590

Specializes in Glacier, Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, Little Bighorn Battlefield and Black Hills area, and works extensively with international market.

Anderson–Elerding Travel Service, Inc.
P.O. Box 2185
Great Falls, MT 59403
406-761-0700 Fax 406-727-4221

Custom tours throughout the Pacific Northwest; multi-lingual guides available.

Beartooth Travel Service
Roberts, MT 59070
406-445-2303 Fax 406-445-2303

Custom arrangements for cattle drives.

Steve Copeland
P.O. Box 1104
Bozeman, MT 59771
406-586-3580 Fax 406-586-3580

Fly-fishing only; specializing in Japanese groups.

Going West Tours
23 South Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59601
406-443-6133 Fax 406-443-2716

Receptive services for international/ domestic groups and individuals in Montana, the Pacific Northwest and Canada.

Gray Line of Yellowstone
P.O. Box 1168
Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-2304 Fax 406-446-2828

Motorcoach tours and step-on guide service available for Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, as well as Virginia City.

Maitland and Associates, Inc.
3250 Foothill Road
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-8687 Fax 406-755-8686

Full service receptive operator offering complete tour programs and multi-lingual guide service throughout Montana and the Pacific Northwest.

Montana Hospitality
2000 Missoula Avenue
Missoula, MT 59802
406-549-6543 Fax 406-728-4360

"Hub and spoke" tours: arrange transportation from Seattle/Portland to Missoula, where groups are based for trips to Glacier National Park and nearby areas.

Off the Beaten Path
109 East Main
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-1311 Fax 406-587-4147

Special service for travelers and small groups seeking custom itineraries, unique accommodations and activities, knowledgeable guides and "secret" tips.

Rocky Mountain Travel Company
4113 Lombardy Drive
Helena, MT 59601
406-449-0021 Fax 406-449-0021

Specializes in agricultural, sports/adventure and educational tours and tours to the region's national parks and historic areas. Sells only to the international market.

Trails West Tours
25 Neill Avenue P.O. Box 157
Helena, MT 59624
406-443-1410 Fax 406-442-3764
800-735-4443

Custom and theme-based itineraries, such as fishing and dinosaurs, for domestic and international travelers.

Travel Masters
1001 SW Higgins Ave. Suite 107
Missoula, MT 59803
406-728-3005 Fax 406-728-3085

Full-service travel agency providing custom itineraries and land tours in the Pacific Northwest, with emphasis on Montana.

West Mountain Tours, Inc.
111 N Last Chance Gulch Suite 1A
Helena, MT 59601
406-442-3002 Fax 406-442-3002

Custom and package tours emphasize the fun, beauty and history of the western U.S. and Canada.

Yellowstone/Glacier Adventures, Inc.
P.O. Box 165
Bozeman, MT 59771-0165
406-585-9041 Fax 406-586-0396

Personalized tours include bear, elk and buffalo watching, fishing, hiking, geysers, rodeos and ranch tours, barbecues and artists; Japanese interpretation.

Yellowstone Tour and Travel
P.O. Box 369
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-9310 Fax 406-646-9490

Year-round tour itineraries and activity planning for the greater Yellowstone Park area, including lodging and dining.

Charter Bus Companies

Beach Transportation Company

Mount Avenue
Missoula, MT 59801
406-549-6121
Emergency phone: 406-251-3936/4509 or 406-543-8701.

Pick-up points: Full ICC authority. Operates in all states and Canada.

Equipment: 47-passenger MCI coaches with A/C, PA, and recliner seats and restrooms. 41-passenger MCI with A/C, PA and recliner seats. School buses and vans.

Additional services: Limited mechanical, cleaning, dumping, garaging, step-on guides.

Cody Bus Lines

P.O. Box 1168
Red Lodge, MT 59068
800-733-2304
Emergency phone: 406-446-2818

Pick-up points: All points in Montana for interstate movements.

Equipment: 39- and 47-passenger MCI coaches with A/C and restrooms. Also have 12- and 24-passenger mini-coaches with A/C.

Glacier Park, Inc.

East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406-226-5531/5532
602-248-6000 (Sept. 15–May 15)

Pick-up points: Glacier National Park, Kalispell, Great Falls.

Equipment: 42-passenger coaches and 18-passenger "rollback-top" scenic coaches.

Hall Transit Charter Service Company, Inc.

1310 Birch
Helena, MT 59601
406-442-5654 or 406-468-2714
Emergency phone: 406-468-2714

Pick-up points: All points in Montana for interstate groups. Great Falls and Helena for intrastate groups.

Equipment: 47-passenger coaches with A/C and restrooms. One with VCR and stereo. One with galley. 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s.

Karst Stage, Inc.

511 N. Wallace
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-8567 (24 hours)

Pick-up points: Interstate groups at all points in Montana. Intrastate groups in Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, West Yellowstone.

Equipment: 96" and 102" 47-passenger MCI coaches with A/C, PA and restrooms. 40-passenger VIP coach with A/C, PA, restroom, galley, six TVs, VCR system.

Additional services: Mechanical, cleaning, garaging, dumping.

Montana Motor Coach, Ltd.

213 East Cedar
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-6121 (24 hours)
800-585-6625
Fax 406-586-3836
Fax 800-586-6625

Pick-up points: Full ICC interstate authority.

Equipment: 47-passenger MCI coaches and one 23-passenger mini-coach. All units have A/C, reclining seats, restrooms, PA. One 47-passenger and mini-coach have video system.

Rocky Mountain Transportation, Inc.

1410 E. Edgewood Drive
Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-2538
Emergency phone: 406-862-2550

Pick-up points: Kalispell, Whitefish, Great Falls, Glacier National Park, Libby, Polson, Cut Bank.

Equipment: 15-passenger vans. MCI including 102C3 47-passenger coach with A/C, restroom, video, telephone, PA.

MaryEtta Sodja
Group Travel Manager

Dear Tour Planner:

Begin with two of the world's greatest treasures. The crown of our continent is Glacier National Park, where mountain goats pose in their home of unparalleled scenery. In Yellowstone National Park, primal geothermal forces gush out of the earth while bison graze nearby.

Next, fill the wide-open spaces between the parks with wilderness refuges, rodeos, celebrations and festivals, soaring Rocky Mountains, rivers and lakes, state parks, art galleries, close-knit agricultural communities and modern cities, blue-ribbon trout streams, museums, elegant resorts and unpretentious ranches, and abundant, viewable wildlife.

That's Montana. Unspoiled. Unforgettable.

And unlike the greedy storybook King Midas, we're eager to share our treasures. The Big Sky here does that to you. When you don't feel crowded, it's easy to open your arms to new friends.

This group tour planning guide is designed to help you package marketable, profitable tours to Montana. We begin with the basics–facts and figures you need to know.

Next comes the fun part–our favorite tours of the state. If you prefer to design your own itinerary, we can suggest specialized tours that focus on hiking, camping, fishing, skiing, history, agriculture or industry. Or combine any of the above. Just give us a call and we'll provide the friendly, professional service you expect from a Montanan.

Next in this guide, we feature our major attractions, special annual events and celebrations. Then the folks from each city describe their area attractions, just to let you know what's there and to invite you to stop by. Are you interested in Montana's Native American culture? Look through the section on Indian reservations for background information, points of interest and special event listings.

Next are the escort notes. Guides tell us it's the most useful and interesting crash course they've ever used. History highlights, noteworthy facts and statistics, geography, geology and climate. The Lewis and Clark Expedition, the 1800s gold rush, the great cattle barons of the vast grasslands on these northern plains. Railroad men, copper wars, sodbusters, and famous Montanans lead into present-day Montana: our economic makeup, weather, and tips that explain just what bull dogging is at the rodeo.

Need more information? We have it: our favorite reference books for Montana on lots of different topics, sales aids, information on Montana-made gifts and products, even an entertaining quiz. Complete lists of accommodations and restaurants throughout the state, with addresses and phone numbers. And, of course, the basics: motorcoach regulations, airline service, and charter bus and step-on guide services. At the back of the guide, a very thorough index gets you to the information you want immediately.

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Group Travel Manager

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Glacier National Park *Ray Ozman*

General Information

Location

Bordered on the north by the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, Montana is an important link between western Canada and the western United States. Montanans and Canadians are good friends and neighbors. Rivers, wildlife and traffic move freely over the border that separates us. Montana and Alberta share an international park called Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. The Montana portion is Glacier National Park, revered by many as the "Crown of the Continent." Idaho borders the west side of Montana and the Dakotas border the east. Directly south is Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park. Three of the five entrances to Yellowstone are in Montana.

◀ Drivetime map

Size and Population

Montana is a vast and varied state of mountains, canyons, river valleys, forests, grassy plains, badlands, and caverns. Its Big Sky covers a land area of more than 147,000 square miles, making Montana the fourth largest state in the nation. In area, it can accommodate Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York, and still have room for the District of Columbia. Yet, Montana's population is just 799,065, making it the sixth least-populated state. There are fewer people living in the entire state of Montana than in the city of Phoenix. In Montana, there is room to breathe. And nowhere is the air fresher.

Climate

Generally, Montana's weather is milder than many visitors might expect. After hearing about record low temperatures from some of our more notorious recording stations, like West Yellowstone and Cut Bank, some nonresidents think of Montana as an icebox. Unlike many areas of the nation, however, where winter settles in for keeps, Montana's cold spells are frequently interrupted by chinook winds and mild periods.

The beauty of Montana's weather system is that whether it is hot or cold, Montana is dry and, therefore, neither oppressively hot nor oppressively cold. Average annual rainfall is 15 inches, varying from 9.69 to more than 100 inches. Average daytime temperatures vary from 28 degrees in January to 84.5 degrees in July.

Sales Tax and Accommodations Tax

As of the print date of this publication, Montana is one of only five states without a sales tax. The four-percent accommodations tax, or "bed tax" levied in the state provides the sole funding for tourism promotion efforts in Montana.

Area Code:

(406) for all of Montana; Mountain Time Zone

Highest Point:

Granite Peak in the Beartooth Mountains, 12,799 ft.

Lowest Point:

Northwest Montana, where the Kootenai River leaves Montana, 1,800 ft.

State Capital:

Helena

State Bird:

Western Meadowlark

State Flower:

Bitterroot

State Tree:

Ponderosa Pine

State Fish:

Cutthroat Trout

State Animal:

Grizzly Bear

State Fossil:

Duck-billed Dinosaur
(Maiasaura peeblesorum)

Wildlife Watching

Montana's magnificent wildlife–not just birds and mammals, but fish, reptiles and amphibians–are a part of Montana's heritage. You'll find them in marshlands and mountains, on the prairies, even in our urban communities. Montana is home to nearly 1,000 species of animals. Populations of elk, deer and pronghorn alone outnumber Montana's citizens. With a pair of binoculars and a healthy appreciation of living things, you can discover the diversity of wildlife that calls Montana home.

Montana's Watchable Wildlife Program promotes the conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitats through enhanced public understanding, viewing and appreciation of Montana's wildlife heritage.

The Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide offers information and directions to more than 100 wildlife viewing sites throughout the state. The guide is available for $5.95. Bring the beauty of Montana's wildlife into your life with the exquisite poster "Loons of the Swan Valley," by Montana artist Monte Dolack. The cost is $25. This print is also available on notecards. The cost is $10 for 12 cards with envelopes. Proceeds from the guides, posters and notecards benefit Montana's Watchable Wildlife Program.

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Maiasaura, the official state fossil • Ponderosa pine
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Glacier Country
This is Montana's northwest corner, where lofty mountains and extensive forests set the pace. Here are magnificent Glacier National Park, watchable wildlife, wild and scenic rivers, wilderness, and lakes scattered like jewels. There are scenic golf courses, vacation resorts, guest ranches, galleries, museums, and summer theater.

Charlie Russell Country
This is the land memorialized by this famed Western artist–cowboys and Plains Indians, buffalo, buttes, dramatic skies and the grand Missouri River. This is where the mountains meet the plains. Linger in its cities, where history has been preserved in parks, museums and galleries. Then explore the land that still looks as hauntingly big and beautiful as it did when Charlie Russell used it as a model for canvas and bronze.

Missouri River Country
This is Montana's northeast corner, where a great river sets the theme for the entire landscape. Here, everything is big. Prairie stretches from horizon to horizon with ranches measured in miles. Fort Peck Lake offers more than a thousand miles of shoreline. Millions of waterfowl take to the Big Sky from sprawling wildlife refuges.

Gold West Country
This is Montana's southwest corner, where the West's colorful history comes to life in restored mining camps, a living history cattle ranch, an Indian battlefield, the mansions and union halls of Butte and the capital city of Helena. Here, too, are fabled trout streams, Rocky Mountains, hot springs resorts, ghost towns and guest ranches.

Yellowstone Country
This country is immediately north of Yellowstone National Park and features three of the park's five entrances. It is also headquarters for some of the world's finest trout fishing and outdoor recreation. Explore its legendary rivers, majestic peaks, vast forests and wilderness areas. Enjoy its lively cities and towns and its many guest ranches and vacation resorts.

Custer Country
This country derives its name from the most famous Indian battle in U.S. history. It was here that Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer lost his life in 1876 against an underestimated force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Here, too, are vast cattle ranches, Indian reservations, the fabled Yellowstone and Bighorn rivers and Montana's largest city, Billings.

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MONTANA GIFTS AND PRODUCTS

"Made in Montana"

"Made in Montana" stickers and tags are found on a variety of Montana-made products, ranging from clothing and food products to hardware and electronic components that are shipped worldwide. Labels appear only on products that have a minimum of 50 percent value added in Montana. Your group can take home some very unique gifts by looking for the "Made in Montana" label when shopping for souvenirs.

Sapphires

Sapphires of both gem and industrial quality are mined in western and central Montana. The unusual cornflower-blue sapphires of Yogo Gulch near Lewistown are said to be the deepest blue of all sapphires in the world and are of highest gem quality. Named by the Indians, the word yogo means "blue sky." Yogo sapphires can be found in Montana's gem stores and rock shops. Groups who wish to mine their own sapphires may try their luck at the Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine near Anaconda, or at several locations near Helena.

Copper

Until 1982, Butte's famed Berkeley Pit ranked third in open-pit copper mining in the United States. All but one-tenth of Montana's copper was mined at Butte, "the richest hill on earth." Copper products can be found in gift shops throughout Montana. Items made from copper include bracelets, belt buckles, candle holders, cookware and dishes. Several shops specialize in copper items, such as the Butte Copper Company, the West Yellowstone Copper Shop and the Montana Copper Shops in Missoula and Polson.

Wild Berry Products

During the summer and fall, wild chokecherries, buffalo berries, plums and huckleberries grow abundantly in Montana. Many Montanans collect these fruits and produce wonderful taste treats. The most popular are jams and preserves made by Eva Gates in Bigfork, jellies and syrups made by Kountry Kitchen in Miles City and chocolate covered huckleberries made by several companies in the state. These products can be purchased in delicatessens, grocery stores and gift shops throughout Montana. For a unique Montana experience, arrangements can be made for your tour to pick wild huckleberries in season. The Libby Chamber of Commerce can assist you. Phone 406-293-3832.

Montana Clay

This unique clay, dug in Montana, is used to create a variety of objects. The most popular are vases, ashtrays, bells, cups and small animals. The rich earthy tones swirled with white make one-of-a-kind items because the color and pattern cannot be duplicated. Look for Montana clay products in gift shops throughout the state or visit the plants where the clay is poured, fired and glazed. Clays in Calico is located in Cardwell.

Wheat Weavings

Wheat grows abundantly on Montana's rolling hills and plains. Many Montana artisans weave the wheat to create a variety of objects. An old craft that originated in England, wheat weaving can be used to make wall hangings, corsages, centerpieces, necklaces, napkin rings and many other items. Not just wheat is used. Barley, oats or any plant that has a hollow stem can be incorporated into wheat weaving. Wheat weavings, wheat stalks and books on the subject can be found in arts and crafts stores and stores that handle hand-made items. Some hotels in the state can arrange to have wheat-weaving classes for group tours.

Indian Crafts

Jewelry, pottery, beaded work, moccasins, baskets, dolls and many other items can be found on or near our seven reservations as well as in "trading posts" throughout the state. The Indian Crafts Center in Lame Deer and the Museum of the Plains Indian in Browning offer an excellent selection of quality crafts.

Western Art

Montana abounds with studios, galleries, foundries and shops specializing in Western art. *Art West* magazine produces a gallery directory for the western states, including 87 galleries in Montana where Western art can be purchased. The directory may be obtained by writing to: Art West, 303 E. Main Street, Bozeman, MT 59715. The best art collections can be found at sales and auctions held annually in Montana. These also provide the buyer with an opportunity to meet the artists personally. The three biggest sales are the C.M. Russell Auction held in Great Falls each March, the Kalispell Art Show held each August and the Western Rendezvous of Art held in Helena each August.

Montana Agates

Montana agates are highly prized by rockhounds all over the country. They are commonly called "moss agates" because of the tree and fern-like images within the gem. A lava product formed millions of years ago, moss agates are one of nature's true wonders. Their coloration may consist of a single color or may be in combinations of red, black, green and blue. These attractive stones are found along the lower Yellowstone River from around Custer downstream to Sidney, a distance of almost 200 miles. Moss agates and jewelry may be purchased in lapidary shops throughout the state. A must for all rockhounders is a visit to the Holiday Lodge in Glendive, where the Ed Klapmeier agate jewelry collection is on display. It is said to be the finest collection of its kind in the world. If you are interested in searching for agates, the Yellowstone Agate Club in Miles City can assist you.

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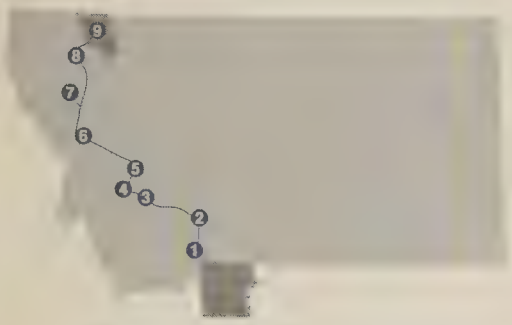
Scenic Trails

Three-Day Tour Between the Parks—Western Route



1. *Big Sky*
2. *Bozeman*
3. *Butte*
4. *Anaconda*
5. *Deer Lodge*
6. *Missoula*
7. *National Bison Range at Moiese*
8. *Kalispell*
9. *Glacier National Park*

Day One

Start the tour in Big Sky, just outside Yellowstone National Park. Ride the gondola to the heights of Lone Mountain while the morning air is crisp and clear, then don bathing suits or shorts for a float trip on the Gallatin River. After lunch, head north to Bozeman, the home of Montana State University. Located on the MSU campus is the Museum of the Rockies, which contains a unique collection of Montana relics, from dinosaur eggs unearthed in the state, to Indian artifacts and a two-story homesteader cabin. Then it's on to Butte to view the open-pit copper mine and visit the World Museum of Mining, the Copper King Mansion or the Mineral Museum.

Overnight in Butte or Anaconda.

Day Two

This morning, drive the Pintler Scenic Route along the shores of Georgetown Lake, and then cross a mountain pass to Deer Lodge, the home of three unique and historic attractions. Choose either the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, the Old Montana Prison or the Towe Ford Museum. After a lunch stop in Missoula and a tour of the Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center, head for the National Bison Range at Moiese. This preserve is the home of bison, elk, deer, antelope, bighorn sheep and mountain goats. The day ends with a drive along the incomparable Flathead Lake.

Overnight in Kalispell.

Day Three

Spend the entire day in Glacier National Park. Choose from short walks where clients can slowly savor the natural world, take a comfortable scenic cruise on one of the pristine lakes or watch for wildlife while floating a river. Transfer to smaller, rollback-top touring coaches for a drive over the breathtaking Going-to-the-Sun Road. Mountain goats call this park home, and the rugged splendor is impressed in memories with perfect clarity.

Overnight in Glacier National Park.

Three-Day Tour Between the Parks—Eastern Route

1. *Gardiner*
2. *Livingston*
3. *Lewistown*
4. *Great Falls*
5. *Browning*
6. *Glacier National Park*

Day One

Begin at Gardiner, the north gate of Yellowstone National Park. Drive north along the Yellowstone River, through the beautiful Paradise Valley. The Yellowstone River is the longest free-flowing (undammed) river in the United States, and motorists see both frothy whitewater stretches and placid meanders. In Livingston, visit either the Depot Center or the Park County Museum. Then drive north on U.S. Highway 191 through Montana's fertile "golden triangle"–rolling farmland rich in wheat, hay and grazing cattle, backdropped by tall mountain ranges. Even the county names bespeak the settlers' vision: Wheatland, Sweet Grass and Golden Valley. In Lewistown, browse through the art center or museum, and stroll through town to admire the finely-crafted stone buildings.

Overnight in Lewistown.

Day Two

Drive to Great Falls and visit the original home and studio of our famous cowboy artist Charlie Russell. The nearby museum and gallery contain many of his original works and humorous letters to cherished friends. Eat a picnic lunch at Giant Springs Heritage State Park, and wander through the adjacent fish hatchery. Giant Springs is the largest freshwater springs in the world. In the afternoon, float the peaceful Missouri River through steep-walled limestone canyons and pastoral farmland. Watch the sky for soaring eagles and osprey, look along the riverbank to spot great blue herons, pelicans, Canada geese and other waterfowl.

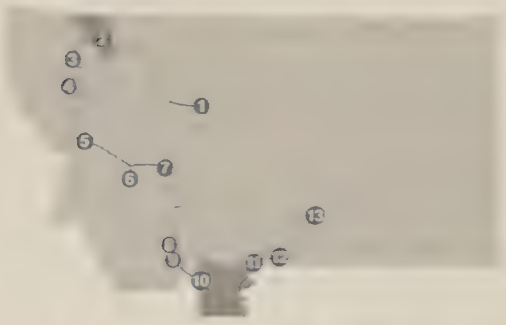
Overnight in Great Falls.

Day Three

Today's route travels under the awesome peaks and buttresses of the Rocky Mountain Front. Stretch your legs at Freezeout Lake Wildlife Management Area, which teems with waterfowl in the spring and fall. Stop in Choteau to view dinosaur bones and Old West memorabilia at the Teton Trail Village. Then continue north to the heart of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Browning is home to the acclaimed Museum of the Plains Indian, which displays the arts and artifacts of 11 Plains Indian tribes. Next door, the Museum of Montana Wildlife and Hall of Bronze houses wildlife exhibits, dioramas, paintings and original bronze sculptures. Finish the day with a short drive west, to Glacier National Park.

Overnight in Glacier National Park.

Six-Day Tour of the Parks



❶ *Great Falls*
❷ *Glacier National Park*
❸ *Kalispell*
❹ *National Bison Range at Moiese*
❺ *Missoula*
❻ *Deer Lodge Valley*
❼ *Helena*
❽ *Nevada City*
❾ *Virginia City*
❿ *Yellowstone National Park*
⓫ *Cooke City*
⓬ *Red Lodge*
⓭ *Billings*

Day One

After an overnight stay in Great Falls, head for Glacier National Park. Following Montana 89, cross the Blackfeet Indian Reservation to lunch at St. Mary's Lodge on the east edge of the park. Later, board smaller touring coaches for a trip over the spectacular Going-To-The-Sun Road.

Overnight in Glacier National Park at Lake McDonald Lodge.

Day Two

This morning head toward Kalispell, and visit the beautifully restored Conrad Mansion. After lunch and a scenic drive along Flathead Lake, tour the National Bison Range at Moiese.

Overnight in Missoula, Montana's Garden City.

Day Three

Leave Missoula behind and motor east on I-90. The first stop is in the peaceful Deer Lodge Valley to learn about early ranching life at the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site. There is also time to visit the Towe Ford Museum before lunch. This afternoon, it's on to Helena.

Overnight in Helena.

Day Four

Today get a good look at Montana's capital city by riding the Last Chancer Tour Train and hearing a little about the history of Helena. Visit other local attractions before departing this afternoon. It's a 120-mile trip to the hotel this evening in historic Nevada City. A special treat tonight is a visit to neighboring Virginia City to enjoy old-fashioned melodrama at its best with the Virginia City Players.

Overnight in Nevada City.

Day Five

It's a short drive today to reach America's most famous national park –Yellowstone. Here in "nature's wonderland," geysers, mud pots and other thermal features spout off. Lunch in the Old Faithful area and watch this famous geyser erupt. In the afternoon, journey to the east half of the park to see Yellowstone Lake and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone with its two spectacular waterfalls.

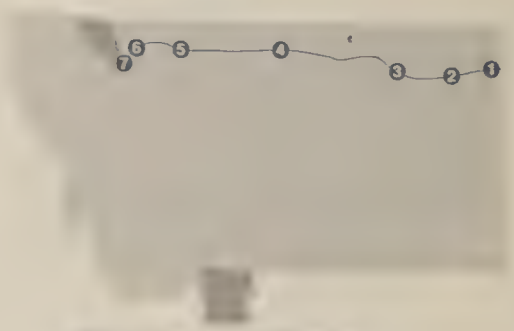
Overnight in Yellowstone National Park at Canyon Village.

Day Six

Today, visit Mammoth Hot Springs before leaving Yellowstone at its northeast corner. Stop for lunch in Cooke City before starting the climb over Beartooth Pass. The breathtaking mountain scenery was described by CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt as the most beautiful drive in America. Pass through the charming, alpine town of Red Lodge before reaching the overnight destination of Billings.

If there is time at the beginning and end of your tour, be sure to visit the Charles M. Russell Museum Complex in Great Falls and the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument southeast of Billings. If you are considering an intermodal tour, both Billings and Great Falls have excellent air service.

History on the Hi-Line: East to West



❶ *Bainville*
❷ *Wolf Point*
❸ *Glasgow*
❹ *Havre*
❺ *Shelby*
❻ *Browning*
❼ *East Glacier*

Day One

Enter Montana on U.S. Highway 2, and stop in Bainville to visit Fort Union Trading Post Historic District–Fort Buford, an 1828 fur trading post. Moving west, enter the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and stop at Wolf Point, reservation headquarters, for a look at the Wolf Point Area Historical Society Museum and Art Gallery, along with a break for lunch. After a short drive to Glasgow, visit the Pioneer Museum for a look at the homesteader's life in Montana.

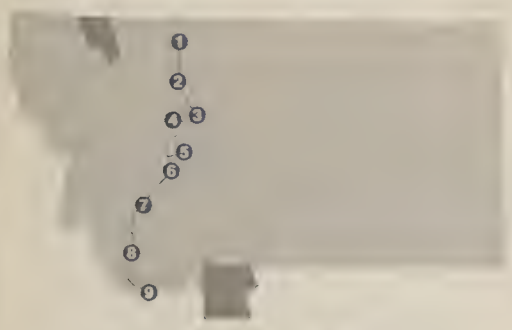
Overnight in Glasgow.

Day Two

Continuing west, cross the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation and enter Havre. In Havre tour the H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum, have lunch and then head for Shelby to visit the Marias Museum of History and Art. From Shelby drive to Browning, on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and tour the Museum of the Plains Indian.

Overnight in East Glacier.

Touring Along the North-South Interstate



❶ *Shelby*
❷ *Conrad*
❸ *Great Falls*
❹ *Ulm Pishkun State Monument*
❺ *Gates of the Mountains*
❻ *Helena*
❼ *Butte*
❽ *Dillon*
❾ *Monida Pass*

Day One

Enter Montana on I-15, heading south. The first stop is Shelby, site of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight in 1923, and a look at early pioneer life displayed at the Marias Museum of History and Art. Continue on to Great Falls, and picnic at Giant Springs Heritage State Park. Enjoy an afternoon of arts and Old West history at Paris Gibson Square, the Charles M. Russell Museum Complex and the Montana Cowboy's Association Museum.

Overnight in Great Falls.

Day Two

Heading southwest, visit the Ulm Pishkun State Monument. This buffalo jump was used by Indians for nearly a thousand years. Follow the Missouri River south to the Gates of the Mountains and board a scenic cruiser for a tour of the Missouri River and a picnic lunch. After a short drive to Helena, take a ride on the Last Chance Tour Train for a comprehensive tour of Helena, sampling some of her history and beauty. Later, there is time to visit other area attractions such as the Montana Historical Society Museum, the Original Governor's Mansion, the pedestrian mall on Last Chance Gulch and the Capitol Building.

Overnight in Helena.

Day Three

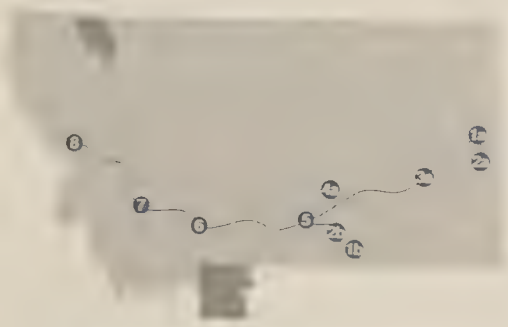
Again, head south on I-15, taking in the scenic beauty of the Rocky Mountains and crossing the Continental Divide before reaching Butte–"the richest hill on earth." There, visit the Copper King Mansion, the Mineral Museum, World Museum of Mining and Hell Roarin' Gulch and perhaps even hop on Old No. 1, a replica of an early day streetcar, for a tour of historic Butte.

Overnight in Butte.

Day Four

Travel south to the Beaverhead County Museum in Dillon, and lunch. Just southwest of Dillon, detour from the interstate to visit Bannack, a ghost town from the gold rush days. Stretch your legs on the easy walking tour, and catch a glimpse of the Old West. Back to the interstate, and travel south along the Beaverhead River, following a portion of Lewis and Clark's route. The interstate crosses the Continental Divide at scenic Monida Pass, Montana's southernmost border crossing.

Touring Along the East-West Interstate



⓭ *Glendive*
㉓ *Makoshika State Park*
㊴ *Miles City*
㊾ *Pompeys Pillar*
❺ *Billings*
❻ *Bozeman*
❼ *Butte*
❽ *Missoula*
⓯ *Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument*
㉕ *Hardin*

Day One I-94*

Enter eastern Montana on I-94, traveling west through a land of huge ranches and extensive vistas. Plan a stop at Makoshika State Park just outside Glendive. Makoshika is a Sioux Indian word meaning "bad earth." The park has fascinating badlands formations and active digs for fossil remains of such dinosaurs as tyrannosaurus and triceratops. Then follow the Yellowstone River to Miles City–"cow capital of the west." History comes to life at the Range Riders Museum and Coffrin's Old West Gallery. Visitors may also enjoy the changing exhibits at the Custer County Art Center.

Overnight in Miles City.

Day Two I-94 to I-90

Follow the Yellowstone River west toward the Rocky Mountains. The highway follows the route taken by Lewis and Clark on their return trip from the Pacific in 1806. Shortly after I-94 merges with I-90, stop in Billings for lunch and a horse-drawn carriage tour of the city. Continuing west, cross Bozeman Pass and descend into the Gallatin Valley and the city of Bozeman. There, catch the excellent exhibits and planetarium show at the Museum of the Rockies.

Overnight in Bozeman. (See "Alternate Route" in next column for Day Three I-90)

Alternate Route for Travelers Entering Montana from Southeast on I-90

Day One I-90*

Entering Montana from the southeast, I-90 follows the Little Bighorn River through the Crow Indian Reservation. Plan to spend much of the day at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Ranger-led programs are fascinating and there are gentle walking trails and a pleasant picnic area. A little farther along the interstate, in Hardin, Big Horn County Historical Museum displays turn-of-the-century farm and community life.

Overnight in Billings.

Day Two I-90

Start the morning with a horse-drawn carriage tour of historic Billings, then tour the Moss Mansion. Get some fresh air while viewing the ancient rock paintings at Pictograph Cave State Monument, then reboard the motorcoach to Livingston, and a possible stop at the Park County Museum or the Livingston Depot Center. Continue

west to Bozeman and the Museum of the Rockies' acclaimed exhibits and planetarium show.

Overnight in Bozeman.

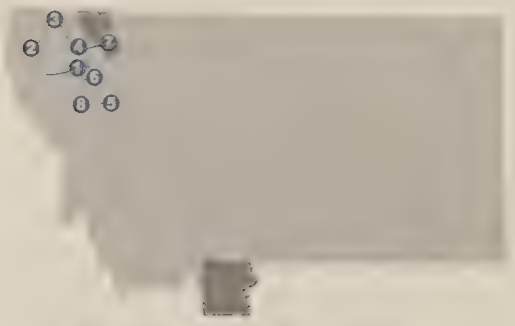
Day Three I-90

The interstate passes near the headwaters of the Missouri River and travels west to Butte. Visit the World Museum of Mining, ride the Neversweat and Washoe Railroad and view the interesting mineral exhibit at the Mineral Museum on the Montana Tech campus. The display includes about 1,300 specimens from all over the world. After lunch, continue west to Missoula, for the scenic "skyride" on the chairlift at Snowbowl, a visit to the Wildlife Visitors Center or a tour of the Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center to learn about the rigorous life of smokejumpers.

Overnight in Missoula.

*Interstate travelers will enter Montana from the east on either I-94 from North Dakota, or on I-90 from Wyoming.

Kalispell Hub and Spoke Tour



❶ *Kalispell*
❷ *Libby*
❸ *Eureka*
❹ *Whitefish*
❺ *Holland Lake*
❻ *Bigfork*
❼ *Glacier National Park*
❽ *Polson*

Hub: Kalispell

Spokes: Glacier National Park, Bigfork, Swan Valley, Polson, Libby, Eureka.

Day One

Tour the historic Conrad Mansion and then head for Flathead Lake at Somers for a boat trip on the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River. A picnic lunch on the lake is a real treat. Return to Kalispell in time to visit the art galleries or shop for "Made in Montana" products.

Day Two

Libby and Eureka are the main destinations today. Heading west of Kalispell on U.S. Highway 2, pass through the Lolo National Forest and into the Kootenai National Forest. Continue through Libby and turn south on Montana 56 for a walk through the Ross Creek Scenic Area–giant cedars that are more than 500 years old and 250 feet high. Return to Libby for a visit to the Heritage Museum and lunch. Heading north on Montana 37, view the Libby Dam and scenic Lake Koocanusa. Once in Eureka, tour the Tobacco Valley Historical Village before continuing south through the Flathead National Forest to Whitefish. A late afternoon ride up the chairlift at The Big Mountain Ski Resort for a view of the Canadian Rockies, Glacier National Park and Flathead Lake rounds out the day.

Day Three

Drive southwest down the Swan Valley to Holland Lake Lodge for a day of canoeing, rowboating, walks around the lake and an outdoor barbeque lunch. After a relaxing afternoon, head back toward Bigfork, home of many Flathead Valley artists, for a look at the Kootenai Gallery, a walking tour of town and an evening's entertainment at the Bigfork Summer Playhouse.

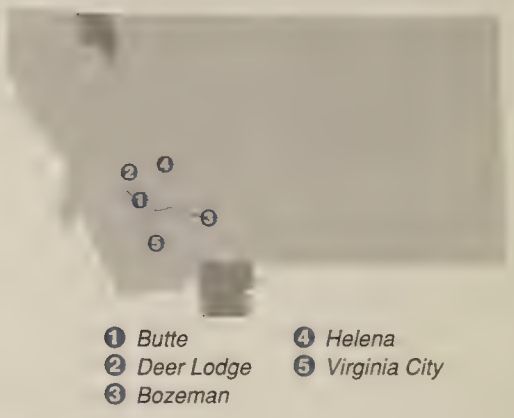
Day Four

Today's destination is Glacier National Park. Once there, transfer to small touring coaches for the ride over breathtaking Going-To-The-Sun Road, and on to Many Glacier Hotel after a picnic lunch somewhere along the route. Reboard your own motorcoach in Many Glacier for the return trip to Kalispell over Marias Pass on the south border of Glacier National Park. Pause at the goat lick to watch for wild mountain goats.

Day Five

Heading south from Kalispell, drive along the shores of Flathead Lake, viewing the beautiful Mission Range. Continue on to the National Bison Range at Moiese, home to more than 500 buffalo, and walk through the Jesuit Mission and town named for St. Ignatius. After lunch and a look at the many different birds at the Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge and State Wildlife Management Area, drive north and follow the east shore of Flathead Lake for a new perspective on the area.

Butte Hub and Spoke Tour



❶ *Butte*
❷ *Deer Lodge*
❸ *Bozeman*
❹ *Helena*
❺ *Virginia City*

Hub: Butte

Spokes: Helena, Bozeman, Virginia City, Nevada City, Deer Lodge

Day One

Visit the Copper King Mansion, home of William A. Clark, then move on to the Mineral Museum where approximately 1,300 mineral specimens are on display. After a lunch break, take a streetcar tour of historic Butte and visit the World Museum of Mining and Hell Roarin' Gulch, a reconstructed mining camp.

Day Two

Head west along I-90 to Deer Lodge. Here, take a tour of the Old Montana Prison and the Towe Ford Museum, the most complete antique Ford collection in existence. After lunch, visit the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, an early cattle empire whose home ranch covered 25,000 acres and controlled more than a million acres of land in surrounding states.

Day Three

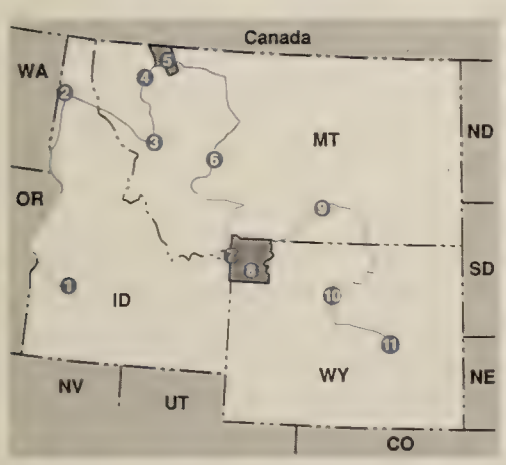
Head east on I-90 to Bozeman, where the College National Finals Rodeo is held each June. In Bozeman, the Museum of the Rockies displays dinosaurs unearthed in Montana, and offers an excellent planetarium show. Stretch your legs on an easy walking tour of the South Willson Historic District. After a break for lunch, drive to Bridger Bowl ski area for a close-up look at the Bridger Range of the Belt Mountains

and a short trek in the fresh mountain air. On the return trip to Butte, stop briefly at Missouri Headwaters State Park.

Day Four
Drive north along I-15 to Helena, Montana's state capital. First, a ride on the Last Chancer Tour Train for a comprehensive tour of Helena, sampling some of her history and beauty. Later, visit other area attractions, such as the Montana Historical Society, the Original Governor's Mansion, the pedestrian mall on Last Chance Gulch, and the Capitol Building. After lunch, travel 16 miles north of Helena to the Gates of the Mountains and board a scenic cruiser for a tour of the Missouri River.

Day Five
Leave Butte this morning and head for the restored gold mining camps of Alder Gulch,Virginia City and Nevada City, where the spirit of the Old West still lives. Activities in this historic area include a ride on the Alder Gulch "work" train, a visit to the Nevada City Museum, the Antique Car Exhibit and the Nevada City Railroad Museum. After a buffet-style lunch at the Wells Fargo Coffee House, follow U.S. Highway 287 to the Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park for a guided walk through the fascinating limestone caverns.

Best of the West



1. *Boise, ID*
2. *Coeur d'Alene, ID*
3. *Missoula*
4. *Kalispell*
5. *Glacier National Park*
6. *Helena*
7. *West Yellowstone*
8. *Yellowstone National Park*
9. *Billings*
10. *Thermopolis, WY*
11. *Casper, WY*

Day One
Start the tour in Boise, Idaho. After a tour of the city, head for McCall, Idaho, traveling along the Payette Scenic Route. After a stop for lunch on the shores of Payette Lake, depart for Hells Canyon for a jet boat ride to Copper Creek Lodge.

Overnight at Copper Creek Lodge.

Day Two
Start out with an early morning jet boat ride through Hells Canyon to Lewiston. Enjoy lunch in Lewiston, and then visit the Nez Perce National Historic Park. From Lewiston, travel to Coeur d'Alene, and board the Mish-an-nock for a cruise of the lake.

Overnight in Coeur d'Alene.

Day Three
Depart Coeur d'Alene for Wallace, Idaho, and tour the Sierra silver mine. After lunch in Wallace, leave for Missoula, Montana, traveling along one of the most scenic stretches of I-90.

Overnight in Missoula.

Day Four
Begin the morning with a visit to the Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center. The depot has a visitor center, and offers tours of the parachute loft and training facilities throughout the day. Continue north to Kalispell at the base of Glacier National Park, stopping along the way at the St. Ignatius Mission and then at Bigfork, where arts and crafts shops and galleries line the streets.

Overnight in Kalispell.

Day Five
Tour Glacier National Park. Options include short day hikes through lush, green forest, scenic boat rides or float trips, or the spectacular drive along the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier's famous "red buses", rollback-top touring coaches.

Overnight in Glacier National Park.

Day Six
Depart Glacier National Park for Great Falls via Browning. After a visit to the Museum of the Plains Indian, head to Great Falls for lunch with Lewis and Clark at Giant Springs Heritage Park (by special arrangement only). It's a 90-mile drive to Helena with a stop along the Missouri River for a boat cruise through the Gates of the Mountains. Dine tonight at Frontier Town, an authentic log and rock village sitting high atop the Continental Divide.

Overnight in Helena.

Day Seven
Following breakfast, head southeast to Bozeman. Activities and attractions in this city nestled in the mountains include wonderful shopping in the historic downtown district, and the Museum of the Rockies. Dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs unearthed in Montana, Plains Indian artifacts, pioneer exhibits and Western art are just some of the attractions. Leave Bozeman for the scenic drive to West Yellowstone.

Overnight in West Yellowstone.

Day Eight
Tour Yellowstone National Park. Marvel at the incredible thermal activity, spectacular canyons and prolific wildlife. Don't miss Old Faithful Geyser, Yellowstone Lake, the Lower and Upper Falls of the Yellowstone and Tower Falls.

Overnight in Gardiner.

Day Nine
Leave Yellowstone behind, and head for Billings via the Beartooth Highway, described by CBS news correspondent Charles Kuralt as the most beautiful drive in America. Take a break at the alpine town of Red Lodge before continuing to Billings for dinner.

Overnight in Billings.

Day Ten
Travel east from Billings to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (formerly Custer Battlefield). After a tour of the Battlefield, head for Sheridan, Wyoming for lunch and a tour of the city. From Sheridan, travel to Buffalo via various battlesites.

Overnight in Thermopolis.

Day Eleven
An early morning soak in the hot springs starts the day. Then, on to Casper. Stops along the way may include the North

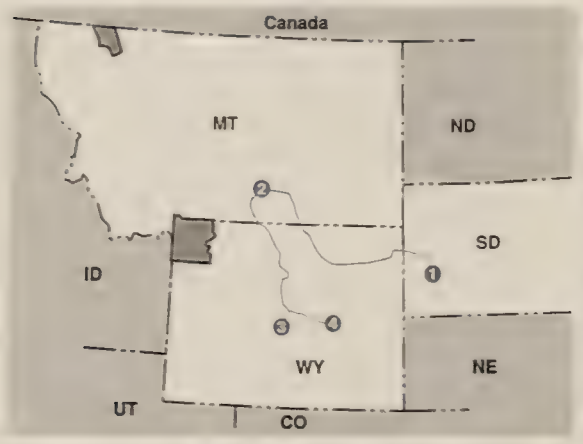
American Indian Heritage Center in Riverton, Independence Rock (part of the Oregon Trail), and a boat excursion in the canyon outside of Alcova.

Overnight in Casper.

Day Twelve

After breakfast, enjoy a tour of Fort Casper, followed by a float trip and tour of the Casper area.

Native American Tour



❶ *Rapid City, SD*
❷ *Billings*
❸ *Riverton, WY*
❹ *Casper, WY*

Day One

From Rapid City, South Dakota, travel Highway 79 south to the Pine Ridge Reservation, where, in 1890, the Wounded Knee Massacre took place. Pine Ridge was used as the major location for the movie "Thunderheart," which was loosely patterned after the Wounded Knee uprisings in the early 1870s. Points of interest on the reservation include the Red Cloud Indian School and Museum, where visitors can view an art show featuring Native American arts and crafts; the Wounded Knee Massacre site; the Oglala Lakota College in Kyle; the Porcupine Trading Post in Porcupine; and a stop in Pine Ridge.

Overnight in Custer State Park.

Day Two

Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and his 7th Cavalry were beaten by Sitting Bull's Sioux in 1876 on the Little Bighorn River in Montana Territory. The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument offers tours and displays of the battle; The Trading Post, adjacent to the historic site, offers authentic Native American food, crafts, souvenirs and books. The Little Bighorn Battlefield is located on the Crow Indian Reservation. A step-on guide can show and explain the customs and culture of the Crow Tribe and tribal lands. Tour the new Native American Culture Center, and arrange for a special dancing and story-telling presentation.

Overnight in Billings.

Day Three

After an early morning viewing at the Pictograph Caves State Historic Site located in the sandstone outcroppings of the Bitter Creek Valley, travel south into Wyoming and the spectacular Wind River Canyon. Every geological strata known to man is displayed in one 20-minute drive here. Continue to Thermopolis, home of the world's largest mineral hot springs, which was presented to the white man by the Indians with the provision that there always be a bath house reserved for Native Americans on the premises of the park. After lunch and an optional walking tour of Thermopolis, it's on to Riverton and the Wind River Indian Reservation, home of Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Indians. A native guide can show you the heart and soul of the reservation, including St. Stephens Mission, St. Mary, Sacajawea and Chief Washakie's graves, and the Wind River Trading Post. Meals can include Native American foods.

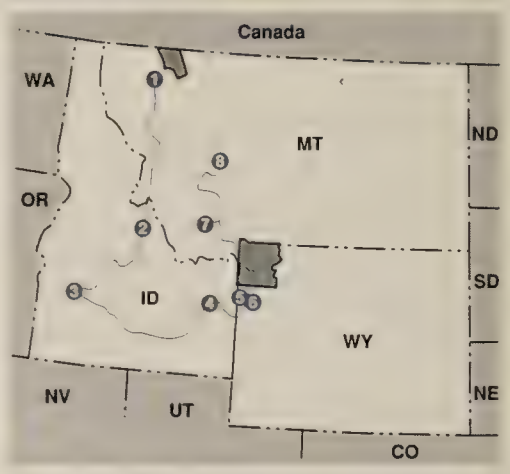
Overnight in Riverton.

Day Four

After breakfast, parallel the ruts of the historic Oregon Trail ("First Road West") across high plains ranch lands to Independence Rock, which was considered the first major landmark for pioneers along the trail. See the names carved by hundreds of westbound pioneers in this huge granite boulder, and learn the history of the trail from a step-on guide. Enjoy lunch at the Alcova Lake Marina, and an optional pontoon boat ride through Fremont Canyon or evening tour of historic Fort Casper on the Oregon Trail.

Overnight in Casper.

Whitewater Adventures



❶ *Kalispell*
❷ *Salmon, ID*
❸ *Boise, ID*
❹ *Idaho Falls, ID*
❺ *Jackson Hole, WY*
❻ *Jackson Hole, WY*
❼ *Nevada City*
❽ *Helena*

Day One

Begin the adventure by experiencing spectacular Glacier National Park in a unique and exciting way - whitewater! Float the Middle Fork, North Fork or main Flathead rivers, all part of the Flathead Wild and Scenic River System.

Overnight in Kalispell.

Day Two

Travel from Kalispell to Salmon, Idaho, the birthplace of Sacajawea, and the location where Lewis and Clark crossed the Continental Divide. The Salmon River remains one of the few undammed waterways in America. Float the famous "River of No Return." Float right to your hotel room.

Overnight in Salmon.

Day Three

Continue southwest to Boise. Enjoy a dinner float trip through the Snake River Canyon and a visit to the World Center for the Birds of Prey with a step-on guide to describe the natural history and help spot the birds.

Overnight in Boise.

Day Four

Spend the morning exploring the City of Trees and its many attractions. After lunch, depart for Idaho Falls. Take a detour through the 1,000 Springs Scenic Route, or

explore the Oregon Trail as you travel alongside it.

Overnight in Idaho Falls.

Day Five
Visit the Idaho Falls of the Snake River before driving east to Jackson, Wyoming. Jackson Hole's Snake River offers whitewater below town.

Overnight in Jackson Hole.

Day Six
Spend the morning exploring the town of Jackson Hole, and later take a scenic float on the Snake River at the base of the Tetons.

Overnight in Jackson Hole.

Day Seven
Continue the journey north through Yellowstone Park and up Montana 287 to Nevada City. Enjoy a whitewater raft trip on the Madison River through Bear Trap Canyon. This 10-mile section runs through Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness, a 6,000-acre wilderness managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Or, for a more tame float, try the upper Madison River, south of Ennis Lake.

Overnight in Nevada City.

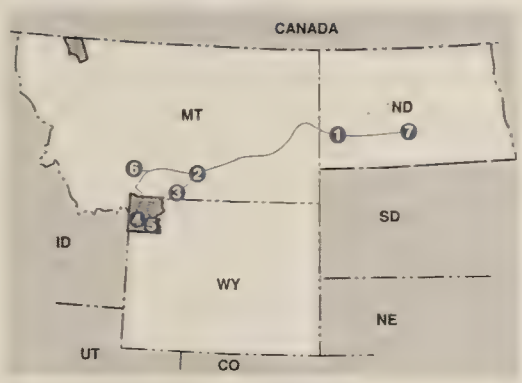
Day Eight
Spend the morning reliving Montana history while exploring Nevada City and its neighbor, Virginia City. After lunch, depart for Helena, Montana's capital city. Finish the tour with a relaxing barbecue dinner, and then a boat tour through the Gates of the Mountains on the Missouri River.

Overnight in Helena.

Day Nine
Depart Helena for home.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS: Stay in Kalispell for two nights, and include either an all-day or overnight float trip, or spend a day on the road in Glacier National Park. Or, stay two nights in Salmon, Idaho, and take advantage of an overnight float there.

The Custer Trail



1. *Medora, ND*
2. *Billings*
3. *Red Lodge*
4. *Yellowstone National Park*
5. *Yellowstone National Park*
6. *Bozeman*
7. *Bismarck, ND*

Day One
Start the day with a tour of the North Dakota State Skyscraper Capitol and Heritage Center on the capitol grounds. Enjoy a riverboat ride on the Missouri River aboard the Lewis and Clark Riverboat, followed by a trolley ride to Fort Lincoln State Park. Tour a museum, take an authentic wagon ride, and tour the On-A-Slant Indian Village, Fort McKeen infantry blockhouses on the river bluffs, and the Custer House. Return to Bismarck via the trolley and riverboat ride. An excellent choice for lunch is the Merriwether Pasta Co. on the shore of the Missouri River. Depart in the late afternoon via I-94 to Medora, the south entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Stop along the way at Painted Canyon Overlook for a spectacular panoramic view of the badlands.

Overnight in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Day Two
Following breakfast, tour the Visitor Center and then see the park via a circle tour drive. Finish with a tour of the elegant 26-room Chateau de Mores, home of a French nobleman. After a chuckwagon lunch, depart for Montana on I-94. The first stop in Montana is the Range Riders Museum and Memorial Hall in Miles City, which houses one of the finest collections of cattle and cowboy lore. Continue on I-94 to Billings for dinner.

Overnight in Billings.

Day Three
Start the day with a tour of downtown Billings on the Old Billings Horse Trolley, then depart for the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (formerly Custer Battlefield). The monument memorializes one of the last armed efforts of the Northern Plains Indians to preserve their ancestral way of life. Return to Billings for lunch, then head west on I-94 to U.S. Highway 212 to Red Lodge, a charming alpine town nestled in the foothills of the Beartooth Mountains.

Overnight in Red Lodge.

Day Four
Begin the day with a drive over the Beartooth Highway and enjoy some of the world's most breathtaking and magnificent mountain scenery. This stretch of highway has been described as the most beautiful drive in America by CBS news correspondent Charles Kuralt. Arrive in Yellowstone National Park at the Cooke City entrance. Finish the day touring Yellowstone.

Overnight in Yellowstone National Park.

Day Five
Continue the tour of Yellowstone. Enjoy dramatic scenery, abundant wildlife, rushing water and natural thermal wonders.

Overnight in Yellowstone National Park.

Day Six
Depart Yellowstone by the West Yellowstone entrance. Travel U.S. Highway 191 through the Gallatin Valley to Bozeman. Tour the Museum of the Rockies, which includes dinosaur, Plains Indian and pioneer artifacts, and Western art exh

Special Interest Tours

Montana offers multiple opportunities for unique theme tours. Glance over the following ideas, or come up with your own. We'd love to help you design a specialized tour–just give us a call.

Technical Tours

Tour the facilities of a hi-tech research company, computer software development corporation, coal-fired electrical power generator, hazardous waste remediation operation, environmental protection and cleanup business, and resource development program. Interested in log homes? Try a tour that follows production, from cutting the trees in the forest to watching fine craftsmen fit together the notched corners of the house.

Agriculture Tours

Agriculture is Montana's number one industry. The diversity of crops and products offers many tour opportunities. Visit sheep, cattle and horse ranches, and tour the breeding, feeding and processing facilities. Learn about producing the world's finest wheat. Or check out the honey production at an apiary, talk to timber and sawmill workers, and walk through the fertile fields of an organic farm.

Old West Adventures

Center around a weekend rodeo, then branch out for wagon trains, horsepack trips, ranch vacations and cattle drives complete with chuckwagon cooking. Visit a cowboy and pioneer museum, and drop a line into a nearby river for fresh mountain trout.

Outdoor Adventures

Lots of options here through qualified, licensed outfitters who show you a vacation to remember. Choose from bicycling, river rafting, backpacking, horsepacking, mountain climbing, canoeing, sailboarding and working-ranch vacations.

Educational Tours

Special historical tours follow the famed Lewis and Clark Trail. Or sign on to help on an archaeological dig and unearth a dinosaur. Want to know more about a specific region? We can find knowledgable guides for history, natural resources, wildlife, geology, vegetation–you name it–and we'll help find it.

Watchable Wildlife Tour

Montana has abundant wildlife and many opportunities to observe their activities and habits in a natural setting. From big game animals to rare trumpeter swans to curious marmots to lively songbirds, we have it all. Visit national wildlife refuges, float on a lake or river, tour a museum's wildlife exhibits and stroll down the walkway in a city park.

Seasonal Tours

Arrange your itinerary and activities according to the season, and take advantage of the best of Montana.

In **Spring** there's the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale and Rodeo, hot springs, the Red Lodge Music Festival, tens of thousands of migrating watchable waterfowl, spring skiing, low-country hiking and horseback riding, newborn wild and domestic animals, numerous city-based attractions and fishing.

In **Summer** there are festivals all over the state, scenic drives, floating and fishing, trail rides, hiking in the high country, fiddling contests, easy access to all parks and city-based attractions.

In **Autumn** follow the gorgeous foliage, watch hundreds of eagles feasting on salmon, view tens of thousands of migrating waterfowl, hike, enjoy city-based attractions, ride horseback, soak in hot springs, listen for the bugling of a bull elk and attend harvest festivals.

In **Winter** try skiing, Christmas festivities, winter carnivals, hot springs, local dances, city-based attractions and ice skating. Ask for our special Montana Winter Guide.

Autumn in Montana

Autumn in Montana is a very colorful sight. Aspen trees turn golden, while rivers and creeks are lined with the bright yellow of large cottonwoods. Entire mountainsides burst into color as the larch's needles turn yellow, and shrubs and underbrush show many shades of red. Autumn in western Montana unfolds against the dramatic backdrop of the Rocky Mountains. Areas highly recommended for fall foliage viewing include all of Montana west of the Continental Divide, especially Glacier National Park, the Bitterroot Valley, Flathead Lake and entrance roads leading to Yellowstone Park. The general range for fall foliage is from mid-September to early November. Indian summers are common in Montana, bringing warm sunny days and clear cool nights. Some local fall festivals include:

McIntosh Apple Festival - Hamilton

Oktoberfest - Helena

Fall Festival - Belgrade

Oktoberfest - Miles City

Homesteader Day - Chinook

Oktoberfest - Glendive

Harvest Festival - Chester

Hunter Feed and Wild Game Cook-Off - Ennis

Harvest Festival - Missoula

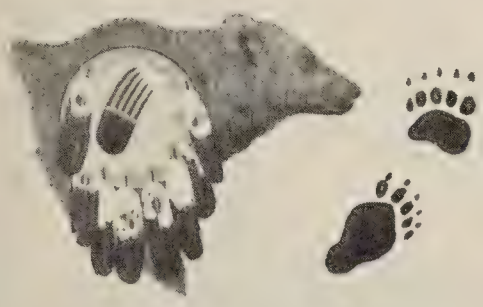
How To Plan the Perfect Montana Tour—Along the Trail of the Great Bear Scenic Corridor

The Trail of the Great Bear was named for the mighty grizzly bears that still roam the vast mountain wilderness of the northern Rocky Mountains. A newly developed concept in international ecotourism, the trail spans 2,085 miles (3,550 kilometers) and links the world's first national park, Yellowstone, with Canada's first national park, Banff. The trail also includes Waterton-Glacier, the world's first international peace park.

The Trail of the Great Bear was created to commemorate and preserve the extraordinary history, culture and natural resources along the trail, while promoting appropriate recreation and tourism uses. Once fully developed, the corridor will feature several loop tours, interpretive signage and educational adventure opportunities for tours.

Visitors along the trail might enjoy trying to land a big rainbow from a blue-ribbon trout stream or traveling back in time with a visit to a western ghost town. There are plenty of chances to learn about Native Americans first-hand at reservation powwows or museums, and travelers should be reminded to keep looking skyward for one of the majestic bald eagles that own the sky. The trail abounds with year-round recreational opportunities.

Travelers' services are readily available in the many communities along the trail. For more information, write Trail of the Great Bear Society, P.O. Box 142, Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta, Canada TOK2MO. To purchase a traveler's guide to the Trail of the Great Bear, call 800-582-2665.



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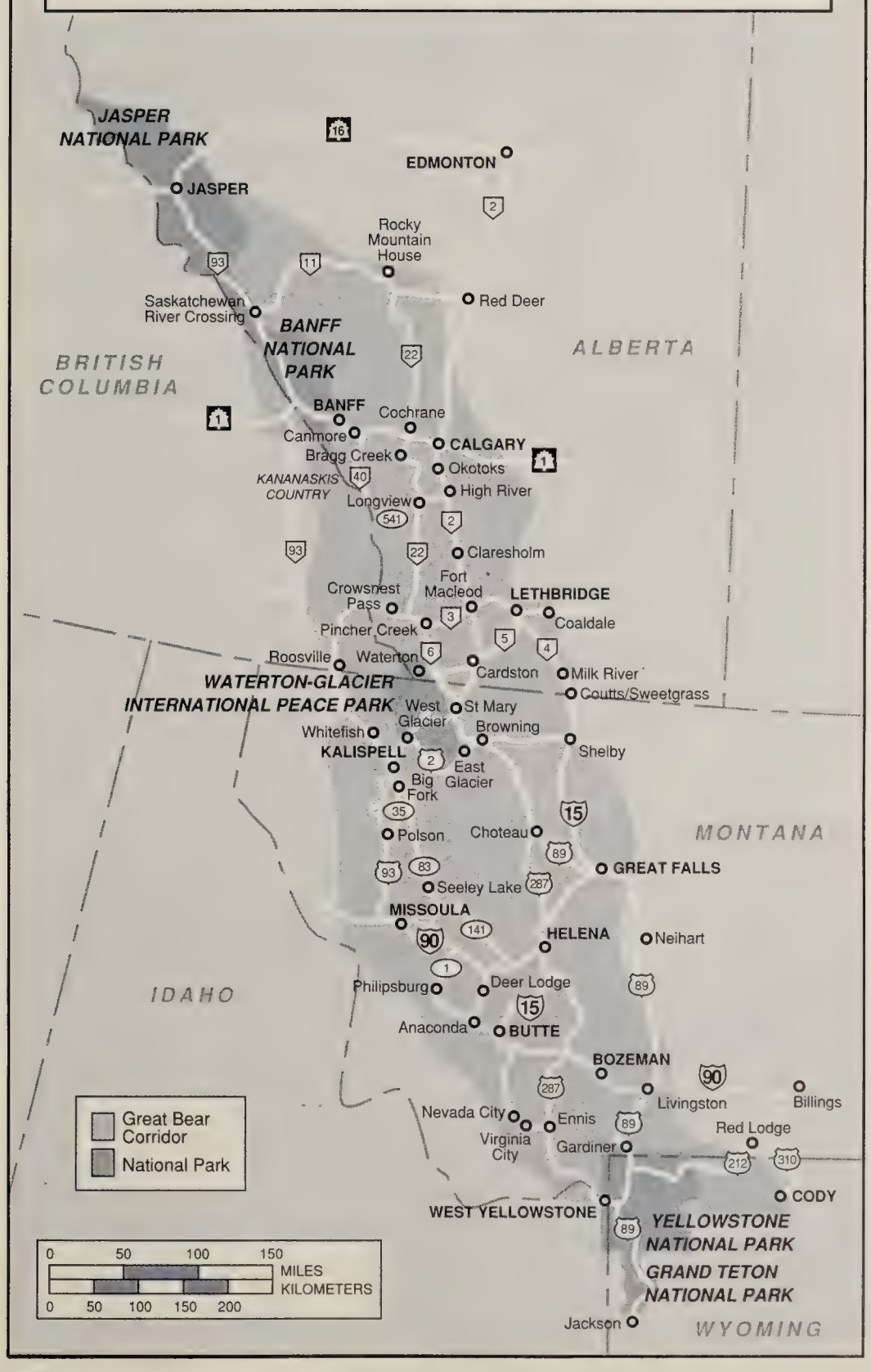
The Trail of the Great Bear Corridor



Explore the Lewis and Clark Trail

In 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out on a journey that would cover 8,000 miles on their expedition into the newly purchased Louisiana Territory. More than a quarter of the journey was through Montana, much of it along the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers as Lewis and Clark searched for a water route to the Pacific Ocean and wrote of the splendors they saw on their journeys.

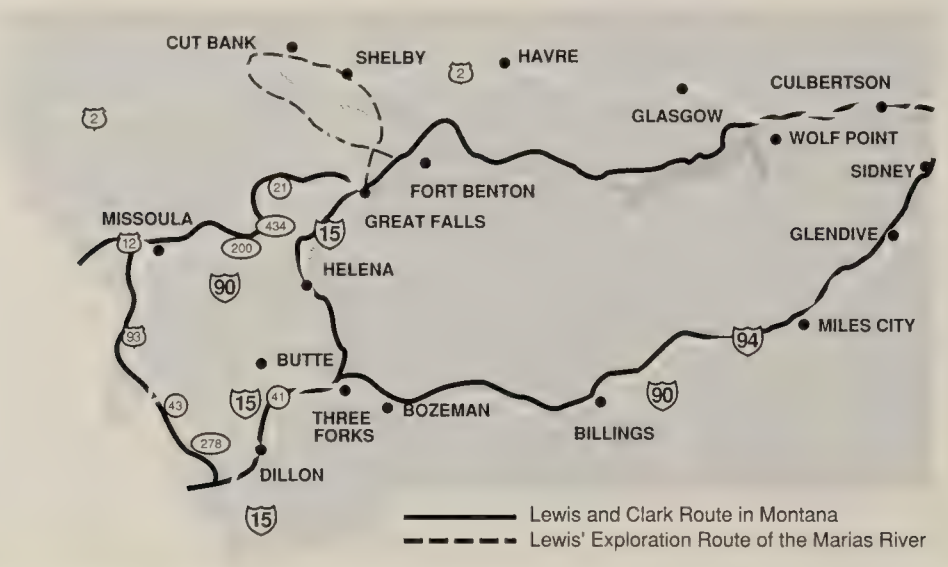
The Lewis and Clark journals provided a young America with some of the earliest accounts of the people and natural wonders of the west. Among the explorers' many discoveries are 122 animals and 178 plants, including the ponderosa pine, Montana's state tree; the cutthroat trout, Montana's state fish; the western meadowlark, Montana's state bird; bluebunch wheatgrass, Montana's state grass and the bitterroot, Montana's state flower.

Some of the things they witnessed were so wonderfully unusual, it was nearly impossible for Lewis and Clark to convince others that what the two had seen really existed. Modern-day travelers can enjoy the unbelievably beautiful and fascinating on the Lewis and Clark Trail as they retrace the adventurers' historic steps. Interpretive markers at various points on the trail aid travelers in their appreciation of the trail's wonders.

Developed sites on the trail include the Missouri Headwaters State Park near Three Forks, where the Missouri river starts its long trip to the Gulf of Mexico, and where the Jefferson, Gallatin and Madison rivers meet. Giant Springs State Park, another stop on the trail, is home to the world's shortest river and future home (in 1993) of a national Lewis and Clark Historic Center.

Perhaps the best way to follow the Lewis and Clark Trail is on a commercial boat tour through the Gates of the Mountains near Helena. As the explorers traveled down this narrowing canyon, they thought they would come to a dead end, when suddenly the canyon opened wide providing a "gate." The scenery and opportunities for wildlife viewing are excellent on this trip.

Condensed versions of the Lewis and Clark journals are available at most bookstores, and can be used to retrace their journey through Montana. For site-specific information about the Lewis and Clark Trail, see the official Montana Highway Map included with this guide. For more information, tour guides should contact the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403.



Gates of the Mountains, Helena *Travel Montana*

Moose *Travel Montana*

Major Attractions
Major Events

Alder Gulch:

Montana's Gold Rush Revisited

A historic, authentically restored Old West town with entertainment, shops, a working railroad and accommodations.

Montana's historic Alder Gulch, once the hub of Montana Territory, is widely respected for the authenticity of the restoration work carried out by the Charles Bovey family. Each year Virginia City and Nevada City attract thousands of visitors traveling between Yellowstone and Glacier national parks.

Located only a mile apart on Montana 287 in southwest Montana, Virginia City and Nevada City are 85 miles–about an hour and a half–north of Yellowstone.

Original buildings, dating from the Territorial days, are filled with merchandise and implements used when gold camps flourished in the West. Boardwalks, mechanical music machines, a penny arcade, antique automobiles and even a two-story outhouse add to the Old West atmosphere. An old livery stable has been converted to an opera house where the illustrious Virginia City Players, Montana's first and foremost professional summer troupe, bring the house down every summer evening with 19th century melodrama, comedy, and variety shows. During the third weekend of every July, barbershop singers from throughout the West come to Virginia City to stage their annual Mid-Summer Glow. Wherever four of them are gathered that weekend, whether it be in a dining room or on the boardwalk, there is harmony.

Travel between the two mining camps on the Alder Gulch Short Line Railroad. At the Nevada City end of the line, visit the Alder Gulch Short Line Steam Railroad Museum with its collection of equipment and stock from railroading's gold rush era.

Dine in the Wells Fargo Coffee House or the Star Bakery and bend an elbow in the Bale of Hay Saloon or Gilbert's Brewery. Modern, overnight accommodations in a charming, 19th century atmosphere are available.

General Information

Virginia City and Nevada City are open for tours between late May and mid-September. For overnight stops, groups are advised to arrive between 2 and 4 P.M. and can be on their way by 8 A.M. the following day. All groups are greeted by a tour hostess. Minimum time: two hours. Luncheon tours need three hours. Admission charged. NTA member.

Limited services for travelers available on location. Full services available in Bozeman, Butte and Dillon.

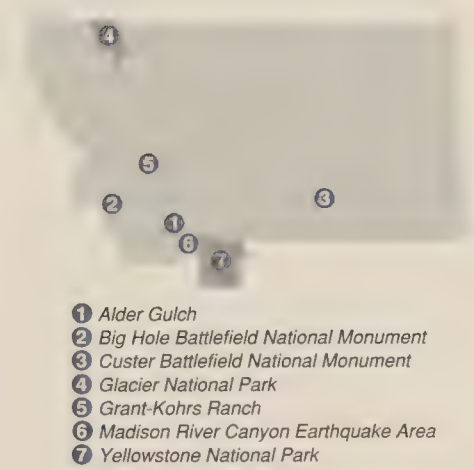
For more information, contact:

Bovey Restorations, Inc.
P.O. Box 338
Virginia City, MT 59755
406-843-5331
800-648-7588

Gold and Garnets

Pan for gold or pick garnets aided by an experienced assistant. $8.50 per bucket, good for a small group. Also displayed is a gold dredge and numerous other mining relics. Located just east of Nevada City. Open mid-May - late September, 9:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. Museum admission free.

Alder Gulch River of Gold, Inc.
2203 Choteau, Helena, MT 59601
406-443-3173 (off-season)
406-843-5526 (summer)



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MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Big Hole Battlefield:

The Nez Perce Journey to Surrender

A memorial and interpretive site of the Battle of the Big Hole.

In the summer of 1877, a large group of Nez Perce Indians journeyed from eastern Oregon through Idaho Territory and into Montana Territory, stopping finally at the Bear Paw Mountains just south of Canada.

The traditional homeland of these semi-nomadic Indians was the Wallowa Valley of northeastern Oregon. A strong and intelligent people, they had lived in peace and friendship with the whites ever since the coming of Lewis and Clark in 1805. It was their proud boast that no member of their tribe had ever killed a white man.

The Nez Perce raised horses, gathered edible roots and bulbs, fished, and hunted buffalo east of the mountains.

In the mid-1800s, settlers, stockmen and gold miners began moving into their lands. Desiring peace, the Nez Perce agreed to a treaty in 1855 that confined them to a reservation. The reservation included much of their ancestral land and the treaty promised that non-Indians could live on the reservation only with the Indians' consent.

White settlers and miners forced a new treaty in 1863 that reduced the Nez Perce reservation to one-fourth its original size. Those Indians who lived outside the new boundaries refused to participate in the talks or to sign the treaty. They became known as the "non-treaty" Nez Perce.

These non-treaty Indians remained in their homeland for several more years, but the Wallowa Valley was very lush and fertile, and settlers were anxious to possess it. So, in 1877, just one year after Custer's humiliating defeat at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, political pressure forced the Indian Bureau to order the various bands of Indians onto the smaller reservation. General O.O. Howard was ordered to support the local Indian agent.

In mid-May the Nez Perce were given an ultimatum to be on the reservation in 30 days. They rounded up their stock in record time and met within miles of the reservation for a last bit of freedom.

It was while they were camped here that three young warriors seeking revenge attacked a group of white settlers who earlier had cheated or killed older members of their families. They came back to camp, gathered more warriors and killed 14 or 15 more settlers in the next two days.

The Nez Perce thought they would surely be punished for this act so they began their flight to join the Crow Indians in Montana. They wished only to find a place where the Army would leave them alone and where they would be far enough from settlements to avoid further clashes.

Although these Indians hoped to escape from the Army peaceably, they were forced to stop and face their pursuers nearly a dozen times –a journey now called the Nez Perce Indian War of 1877.

This group of Nez Perce consisted of about 800 people, including only 125 warriors. They traveled with about 2,000 horses and whatever possessions they could carry.

Chief Joseph had been the spokesman for the non-treaty Nez Perce in peacetime and it was assumed at the beginning by the whites that he was also leading them in war. Chief Joseph sat in on the councils but since he had never been a war chief, his advice carried less weight than that of Five Wounds, Rainbow and Looking Glass. Joseph took charge of the old men, women and children, an assignment of vital importance and sacred trust.

The slow, unwieldy group of 800 Nez Perce evaded the pursuing Army for nearly two months. But shortly before dawn on August 9, 1877, Colonel John Gibbon and his force of 184 men sneaked up and attacked the sleeping Nez Perce, who were encamped along the North Fork of the Big Hole River. Stunned as they were, the warriors rallied and quickly took up sniper positions. The Army left itself exposed to fire from the side and rear. Colonel

Nez Perce camp at Big Hole Battlefield Jock Whitworth

Gibbon was forced to order a retreat by 8 A.M. His men waded back across the river, and the Indians captured the Army's howitzer. The soldiers were beseiged for more than 24 hours, without food and water or means to care for their wounded. Chief Joseph and other leaders gathered their people together and hurriedly led them southward.

After this battle, the third they had unwillingly engaged in and then won, the Nez Perce gave up all hope of returning to their homeland, eventually deciding to make a run for Canada to join Sitting Bull and his people. They headed toward Yellowstone National Park where they captured two groups of campers and killed three men.

The Nez Perce were still being pursued by General O.O. Howard, Colonel Samuel Sturgis and all their troops. The Indians managed to stay ahead of the soldiers and to inflict many losses on the Army. Shoshone and Crow warriors refused to join the Nez Perce because they wanted to avoid trouble with the Army.

Beat by the Telegraph

The Nez Perce successes resulted from a combination of rugged terrain that made pursuit difficult, intense courage and sheer determination, and overconfidence and mistakes on the part of the whites. But, the Nez Perce were eventually beaten by the telegraph.

Colonel Nelson A. Miles received a bulletin from the west and left Fort Keogh in eastern Montana with nearly 400 men and a body of Cheyenne warriors to launch a surprise attack on the Nez Perce on the cold, blustery morning of September 30. Both sides suffered heavily, and instead of ordering another charge, Miles decided to lay siege to the Indian village. They were on the northern edge of the Bears Paw Mountains in north-central Montana and the weather turned bitterly cold. The next morning five inches of new snow lay on the ground.

General Howard arrived with reinforcements on October 4, and on October 5, Chief Joseph handed over his rifle and, according to legend, made one of the most moving speeches of surrender ever made: "Hear me, my chiefs. I am tired; my heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands I will fight no more forever."

The Nez Perce had traveled 1,300 miles in less than four months to be stopped only 40 miles short of the Canadian border and sanctuary. Of the 800 who began the trek, only 480 were left to surrender. Some were killed, some reached Canada and some survived by hiding in the hills.

Visitors can view the site of the final battle and surrender of the Nez Perce at the Chief Joseph Battlefield in northern Montana, near Chinook, off U.S. Highway 2.

The captured Indians were not sent back to their reservation as promised, but were shipped by flatboats and boxcars to unfamiliar, hot country in the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, where many of them grew ill and died. Finally, in 1885, Joseph and most of his band were sent to the Colville Reservation in Washington. The rest were sent to the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho. Joseph made many attempts to be allowed to resettle in the Wallowa, but each time was rebuffed. In 1904 he died, broken-hearted, an exile from the beautiful valley he still considered home.

General Information

The Big Hole Battlefield is located 10 miles west of Wisdom on Montana 43.

The visitor center includes a video and exhibits from the Nez Perce war period. Trails in the area allow for a better view of the battlefield. Interpretive programs are presented in the summer.

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, daily 8 A.M. - 8 P.M., rest of the year 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Full services for travelers available in Wisdom, Anaconda, Butte and Dillon.

For more information, contact:

Superintendent
Big Hole Battlefield National Monument
P.O. Box 237
Wisdom, MT 59761
406-689-3155

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument:

Battle of the Little Bighorn

A national monument with museum exhibits, an interpretive center and ranger-led programs, that commemorates the site of the Indian victory over Custer's 7th Cavalry.

Montana's Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument memorializes one of the last armed efforts of the Northern Plains Indians to preserve their ancestral way of life. Here in the valley of the Little Bighorn River on June 25 and 26, 1876, more than 260 U.S. Army soldiers and attached personnel met defeat and death at the hands of several thousand Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Among the dead were Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and every member of his immediate command.

Although the Indians won this battle, they lost the war against the white man's efforts to end their independent plains culture.

The move west began when the Civil War ended. An almost certain result was encroachment on the Indian domain. Settlers showed little regard for the sanctity of Indian hunting grounds or the terms of former treaties. The Indians resisted. In 1868, at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, representatives of the Sioux, Cheyenne and other tribes of the Great Plains signed a treaty with the U.S. government, in which a large area of western Dakota Territory and part of eastern Wyoming was designated a permanent Indian reservation. The government promised to protect the Indians "against the commission of all depredations by people in the United States."

Gold Discovered

Just six years later, in 1874, gold was discovered in the Black Hills, the heart of the new Indian reservation. News of the strike spread quickly, and soon thousands of fortune seekers moved in on the region in violation of the Fort Laramie Treaty. The Army tried to keep them out but to no avail. The peace agreement in 1868 was dishonored when the Sioux and Cheyenne, in growing defiance, began to leave the

reservation. In December 1875, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs ordered them to return before January 31, 1876, or thereafter be regarded as hostiles to be "treated accordingly by the military force." When the Indians did not comply, the Army was called in to enforce the order.

The Army's campaign against the Sioux and Cheyenne called for three separate expeditions–Gen. George Crook's force from Fort Fetterman in Wyoming, Col. John Gibbon's command from Fort Ellis in Montana and Gen. Alfred H. Terry's troops from Fort Abraham Lincoln in Dakota Territory. These columns were to converge on the main group of Indians concentrated in southeast Montana under the leadership of Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse and other war chiefs.

Crook clashed with the Indians in March and again in June. Later, the Indians moved west toward the Little Bighorn. In mid-June, Terry and Gibbon met at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Rosebud rivers. Hoping to find the Indians in the Little Bighorn Valley, Terry ordered Custer and the 7th Cavalry up the Rosebud to approach the Little Bighorn from the south. Terry himself would accompany Gibbon's force back up the Yellowstone and Bighorn to approach from the north.

The 7th Cavalry, numbering about 700 men, located the Indian camp on June 25. Custer, probably underestimating the fighting power of the Indian forces, believed it safe to divide his regiment into three battalions. By attacking immediately, he probably hoped to prevent the Indians from slipping away. One battalion of three companies under Captain Frederick Benteen was sent to scout the valley to the south. At the same time, a battalion of three companies under Major Marcus Reno and one of five companies under Custer marched along opposite banks of a small creek to attack the Indian village in the valley of the Little Bighorn.

When near the Little Bighorn, Custer turned north toward the lower end of the Indian camp. Reno, with orders from Custer to cross the river and attack, advanced down the Little Bighorn Valley and struck the upper end of the camp. Outflanked by the defending warriors, he retreated in disorder to the river and took up defensive positions on the bluffs beyond. Here he was soon joined by Benteen, who had hurried forward under written order from Custer to "Come on; big village, be quick, bring packs."

Gunfire from the north caused men to scout in that direction seeking the whereabouts of Custer and his command. An advance company under Captain Thomas Weir marched downstream to a high hill, from which the Little Bighorn battlefield was visible. By this time, however, the firing had stopped. When the rest of the command arrived on the hill, it was attacked by a large force of Indians, and Reno ordered a withdrawal to the original position on the bluffs overlooking the Little Bighorn. Here these seven companies entrenched and held their defenses throughout that day and most of the next, returning fire and successfully discouraging attempts to storm their position. The siege ended when all the Indians broke their great encampment and withdrew upon the approach of columns under Terry and Gibbon.

In the meantime, Custer had ridden into history and legend. Vivid accounts of the battle by Indians who participated in it tell how his command was surrounded and destroyed in fierce fighting. But Custer's intentions and precise movements after separating from Reno's battalion have never been documented.

In the battle, the 7th Cavalry lost the five companies that were under Custer, about 225 men. Of the other six companies in the regiment, under Reno and Benteen, 47 were killed and 52 wounded.

The Indian losses were no more than 100 men killed. The tribes and families scattered, some going south, some north. Most of them returned to the reservations and surrendered in the next few years.

100 Years Later

More than 100 years have passed, but the Little Bighorn battle continues to illustrate a part of what Americans have come to know as their Western heritage. Heroism and tragedy, brashness and humiliation, victory and defeat–these are contradictions people still come to the battlefield to ponder.

The battlefield and cemetery have been managed by the National Park Service since 1940. Park rangers are on duty year-round to help visitors understand the battlefield. Highlights of the tour are the visitor center, which houses many museum exhibits that illustrate and explain the battle; Custer Hill, a common grave and memorial shaft bearing the names of all the soldiers who died in the battle; Reno-Benteen Battlefield; Weir Point, the hill Captain Weir climbed hoping to locate Custer; Battle Ridge, where three of the five companies under Custer fell; and National Cemetery, a relatively small burial ground where soldiers killed in several Indian battles on the Northern Plains are buried along with servicemen of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

General Information

The battlefield lies within the Crow Indian Reservation in southeast Montana. The nearest towns are Crow Agency, two miles north, and Hardin, 18 miles north. The nearest city, Billings, is 65 miles northwest. The battlefield lies between Billings and Sheridan, Wyoming, on 1-90. It can also be reached from the east on U.S. Highway 212, which connects the battlefield to the Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park.

The battlefield is open year-round. Summer hours are 8 A.M. to 7 P.M. During the winter, the battlefield is open from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Limited summer tour schedule. No advance group reservations available. For step-on guide service, see page 100. Minimum time: one hour. Admission $1 per person.

There are no camping, picnicking or overnight facilities at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Limited services for travelers available in Hardin. All services in Billings.

For more information, contact:

Superintendent
Little Bighorn Battlefield
National Monument
P.O. Box 39
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-2621

Glacier National Park:

Crown of the Continent

A million-acre wilderness national park containing more than 200 mountain lakes, nearly 50 living glaciers and more than 1,000 species of plant life.

Glacier is the U.S. portion of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, which straddles the Montana-Alberta border.

The weather in June and early July can be wet, with occasional rain or snow. The park is green and lush with blooming wildflowers, and wildlife such as moose, mountain goats and deer are commonly seen. July and August are the warmest, driest months in the park. Visitors can see snow-capped peaks and glaciers, the ever-changing display of wildflowers, green meadows and blue mountain lakes. As summer turns to fall, the tamaracks, aspen and subalpine vegetation change colors and migrating bald eagles pass through the area. Days are warm and nights are cool. Winter blankets the park with large amounts of snow and visitors can enjoy cross-country skiing at its finest.

Plan at least two nights and one full day to explore Glacier National Park. Allow tour clients time for a boat ride or scenic float trip, time for a nature walk, time to soak in the quiet solitude that is Glacier National Park.

The main road in Glacier, and the one not to be missed, is Going-to-the-Sun Road, winding through the heart of the park, up and over the Continental Divide. The road is only 50 miles long, but plan at least three hours for driving time. Tours will include the Weeping Wall, Birdwoman Falls, Logan Pass and many spectacular mountain vistas. Because the Going-to-the-Sun is narrow and winding, the National Park Service has prohibited motorcoach travel on the road. The best way for group tour passengers to see Glacier is by transferring to the famous "red buses," which carry between 15 and 20 passengers each. In good weather, the drivers roll back the tops, allowing passengers increased opportunity to view the meadows, lakes and towering peaks. Plan time for photo stops and a rest stop at Logan Pass Visitor Center, and perhaps a walk along the Trail of the Cedars. Your own motorcoach can deadhead around the south edge of the park to meet the group on the other side.

U.S. Highway 2 circles the southern portion of the park, crossing Marias Pass and following the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. A must on the 57-mile stretch of road between East Glacier and West Glacier is a stop at the Walton Goat Lick, where mountain goats gather to lick natural salts from the clay deposits.

General Information

The park is served by commercial air carriers at Glacier Park International Airport near Kalispell and Great Falls International Airport, by Amtrak at East Glacier, Essex and West Glacier (Belton), and by motorcoach via U.S. Highways 2, 89 and 93 (from Canada drive Alberta Highways 2, 5 or 6).

The park is open year-round with concession service open from June to October and the through road open from about June to late October.

For information about sightseeing service and the park's trip lease program, see page 99. Minimum time: one day. Admission $2 per person between the ages of 16 and 62.

Limited services for travelers available in East Glacier, West Glacier and Browning. Full services available in Columbia Falls. Cut Bank and Kalispell.

For more information, contact park headquarters:

Superintendent
Glacier National Park
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5441

Guided Tours

Tours can be arranged aboard 1936 rollback-top scenic "red buses." The tours are narrated, entertaining and informative. The cost varies depending on the length of the trip. Group rates available.

For more information, contact:

Glacier Park, Inc.
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406-226-5551 (mid-May to mid-September)
800-332-9351 (Montana)

Dial Tower
Phoenix, AZ 85077-0928
602-207-6000 (October to May)

Glacier National Park *Garry Wunderwald*

Scenic and Whitewater Float Trips

Whitewater, scenic float and fishing trips on the Middle Fork, North Fork and main Flathead rivers, part of the Flathead Wild and Scenic River System, are available along Glacier's boundaries. Trips range from half-day to five days, including lunch and dinner floats. Covered wagon rides and western chuckwagon dinners also available. Group rates available.

For more information, contact:

Glacier Raft Company
P.O. Box 218
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5454 or 800-332-9995
FAX 406-888-5541
(NTA member)

Great Northern Float Trips
P.O. Box 278
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-387-5340

Montana Raft Company
P.O. Box 535M
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5333 (or 862-4802 winter)
800-521-RAFT (U.S. and Canada)

Wild River Adventures
P.O. Box 272
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-387-9453 (May 25 - September 15)
406-442-8597 (winter)
800-826-2724 (year-round)
FAX 406-442-8597

Boat Rentals and Tours

Daily scenic cruises of Glacier's most popular and accessible lakes await visitors. Many cruises are accompanied by park rangers. Special tours for groups can be arranged. Cruises last from 45 minutes to two hours, depending on the lake. Tours operate on a regular schedule from early June to mid-September, but can vary depending on weather conditions. Small rental boats available on major lakes.

For more information, contact:

Glacier Park Boat Co.
P.O. Box 5262
Kalispell, MT 59903
406-888-5727
Scenic boat cruises at four locations.

Lake McDonald Boat Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 1195
Bigfork, MT 59911 (October - May) or
West Glacier, MT 59936 (June - September)
406-888-5227 (or 406-837-4466 winter)
Rowboat, canoe and motorboat rentals.

Trail Rides

From one hour to one day, explore Glacier by horseback. For more information, contact:

Rocky Mountain Outfitters, Inc.
55 Ainley Lane
Kalispell, MT 59901

Backcountry Tours

Hike and backpack with a guide among the lakes and peaks of Glacier's backcountry. Join a group or have a trip made especially for you, from two days to two weeks. Equipment available for rent. For more information, contact:

Glacier Wilderness Guides
P.O. Box 535M
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5333 (or 406-862-4802 winter)
800-521-RAFT (U.S. and Canada)

Grant-Kohrs Ranch

An Early Cattle Empire

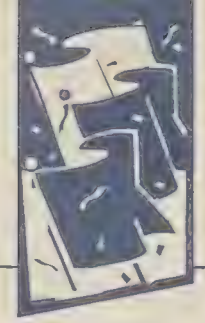
A National Historic Site that preserves the buildings and activities of a successful, large-scale frontier cattle operation.

In the 1850s, Johnny Grant, a Canadian trader, settled in the Deerlodge Valley to trade and ranch. Along with his Bannock Indian wife, Quarra, and their large family, he prospered. In less than a decade he was running thousands of cattle, which marked the beginning of range cattle business in Montana Territory.

Conrad Kohrs, a butcher and German immigrant, bought the ranch in 1866. By the turn of the century the home ranch had grown to 25,000 acres and the ranching operation controlled more than a million acres of land in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Canada. During a 25-year period ending in 1913, between 8,000 and 10,000 cattle were shipped to market by train each year.

Before his death in 1922, Conrad Kohrs reduced the size of the ranch. Operations were taken over by his grandson, Conrad

Whitewater adventure *Glacier Raft Company*



Kohrs Warren in 1932. He was widely known for his Hereford cattle and Belgian horses. It was through the efforts of Warren and his wife, Nell, that the old buildings, their furnishings, and historic documents were preserved.

In 1972, Congress set aside the ranch as a National Historic Site for the purpose of providing "an understanding of the frontier cattle era of the Nation's history."

Today, the 1,500-acre ranch still has more than 80 standing structures, from bunkhouse row to the 23-room ranch house, carefully preserved with the original Victorian furnishings. There's also a tack room, ice house, barns, blacksmith shop, wagon collection, chickens, cows and horses.

Demonstrations of ranching activities take place throughout the year. There is no established schedule for these events but you may get a glimpse of these activities on your visit to the ranch.

General Information

Self-guided maps of the ranch are available, or a guide may be available to escort your group. A staffed visitor center houses historical photos depicting the frontier cattle era.

Round trip from parking lot to the ranch house is 3,000 feet over a paved trail. The walk around the ranch is approximately 1,500 feet. A wheelchair and special parking facilities are available for those who need assistance.

Groups should inform the ranch of their visit at least two weeks in advance.

The ranch is open year-round. Minimum hours of operation are 10 A.M. - 4 P.M., but may be longer. Special group tours and programs by arrangement.Minimum time one hour. Admission $1.

Full services for travelers available in nearby Deer Lodge.

For more information, contact:

Superintendent
Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
P.O. Box 790
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2070

Madison River Canyon Earthquake Area

A visitor center with interpretive displays, at the site of a massive 1959 earthquake and landslide.

At 11:37 P.M. on Monday, August 17, 1959, one of the most severe earthquakes recorded in North America shook the area around West Yellowstone.

The quake measured 7.5 on the Richter scale and sent gigantic tidal waves surging down the seven-mile length of Hebgen Lake, throwing an enormous quantity of water over the top of Hebgen Dam. This water, described as a wall 20 feet high, swept down the narrow canyon. Fortunately, the dam held against the tidal waves, although it cracked in at least four places. At about the same time, half of a 7,600-foot-high mountain came crashing down into the valley. The slide dammed the Madison River and forced the surging water back up the canyon.

It took eight seconds for 80 million tons of rock to fall to the valley floor 1,200 feet below. When it reached that point it was estimated to be traveling at 175 miles per hour. Four-thousand-pound cars were tossed 40 feet and smashed against trees by the force of the near-hurricane velocity wind created by the falling mountain.

Another shock occurred every 15 to 20 minutes during that night and the following morning. Some 300 people were trapped in the Madison Canyon when big sections of the road fell into Hebgen Lake.

The next morning eight smokejumpers were dropped with food and first aid equipment. They also helped prepare a landing spot for an evacuation helicopter.

When the mountain fell, it covered the unimproved section of Rock Creek Campground, burying several people. It was not feasible to move 80 million tons of dirt and rock, so much research was done to determine how many people were missing. It is estimated that 19 are buried beneath the rubble.

Two people, camped at the Cliff Lake Campground, were killed when two boulders (each weighing eight tons) came crashing down a mountain and landed on top of them as they lay sleeping.

The final death toll for the earthquake stands at 28.

In nearby Yellowstone National Park, 18,000 people were overnighting and most were on the edge of panic. At Old Faithful Inn, the fireplace and chimney crashed through the dining room floor, activating the sprinkler system. Water damage was substantial.

The only injury in Yellowstone was a woman who sprained her ankle jumping out of bed.

At Canyon Village, a guest left a note on his pillow the following morning for the maid, saying, "An awfully rough bear stayed under my cabin last night. Had an awfully hard time sleeping. Better tell the night man to do something about it."

To preserve the effects of the earthquake on the geology and manmade structures, the Forest Service set aside 37,800 acres of the Gallatin National Forest as the Madison River Canyon Earthquake Area.

General Information

The Visitor Center, built on top of the slide, is open June 21 to September 26, daily 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. On display are photos of the area just after the earthquake and a seismograph. There are also regularly scheduled talks about earthquakes.

Services for travelers available in nearby West Yellowstone.

For more information contact:

Madison River Canyon Earthquake Area
c/o Hebgen Lake District Ranger
P.O. Box 520
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7369

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Yellowstone National Park

Wildlife and natural beauty abound in this, the nation's first and largest, national park.

Furious volcanic explosions, crashing waves of ancient seas, grinding of immense glaciers, shuddering of earthquakes, wind and rain, storm and fury, fire and ice. Great natural forces worked together to create Yellowstone National Park, and the seething primal heat of the planet is still nearer the earth's surface here than anywhere else. The first white man to see Yellowstone was mountain man John Colter whose reports of the park's natural wonders were ridiculed as lies. Exploration parties verified reports of spouting geysers, boiling springs, thundering waterfalls and gaping canyons. In 1872, Congress established Yellowstone as the first national park in the world. Old Faithful geyser is the most famous of Yellowstone's 10,000 hydrothermal features. Yellowstone Falls plunges into the 1,200-foot-deep Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Wildlife wander through expansive meadows in the nation's largest preserve. Be on the lookout as you travel through the park.

Yellowstone Falls, Yellowstone National Park *Travel Montana*

General Information

Three of the park's five entrances are in Montana at West Yellowstone (U.S. 287), Gardiner (U.S. 89) and Cooke City (U.S. 212). West Yellowstone's jetport provides commercial airline service during the summer months. Year-round airline connections are available at Billings, Bozeman and Butte.

The park is also open during the winter for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and snowcoach tours.

Accommodations include five lodges, an inn, three hotels, cabins and extensive campground facilities. For rates and information, see page 84.

The park's summer season generally runs from May 1 to October 31. During the winter months, Yellowstone is open from December 15 to March 15. Minimum time: one day. Admission $4 per person on common carrier or $10 per non-commercial vehicle.

Services for travelers available within the park, and in all Montana park entrance communities.

For more information, contact park headquarters:

Superintendent
Yellowstone National Park
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7381

Or the concessionnaire:

TW Recreational Services, Inc.
Group Tour Office
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7901

Guided Outdoor Activities Offered by TW Recreational Services, Inc.

Stagecoach Rides
Visitors board an authentic Concord stagecoach for an exciting ride through the rolling sagebrush country surrounding Roosevelt Lodge. The stagecoach replica pauses long enough to rest the horses and allow for pictures. Rides depart from the Roosevelt corrals several times daily and last 30 minutes. Season of operation is approximately June - August. Admission charged.

Old West Cookouts
Delicious steak dinners are cooked outdoors and served under tall pines. Cookout site can be reached by horse-drawn wagon or horseback. Horses depart Roosevelt corrals each evening at 4:30 and 5:15, and wagons depart at 5:30. All guests return to the corrals by 8:30 P.M. Season of operation is approximately June - August. Admission charged.

Scenicruiser Rides
Boats depart Bridge Bay Marina several times daily for a leisurely cruise on Yellowstone Lake. This one-hour commentated tour includes a trip around Stevenson Island. Season of operation is approximately June - mid-September. Admission charged.

Outdoor Activities:

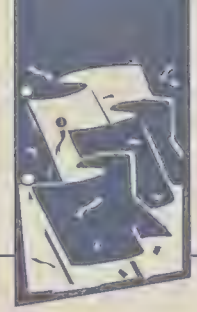
Crazy Mountain Company
P.O. Box 216
Emigrant, MT 59027

Whitewater, scenic float and fishing trips on the Yellowstone River ranging from one hour to overnight. Lunch and dinner trips available. Also guided hikes and cross-country ski trips. Group rates on request, complimentary trip for tour escort.

Yellowstone Raft Company
U.S. Highway 191, P.O. Box 160262
Big Sky, MT 59716
406-995-4613
800-348-4376

Yellowstone Raft Company
U.S. Highway 89, P.O. Box 46
Gardiner, MT 59030
406-848-7777
800-858-7781

Whitewater and scenic raft trips on the Yellowstone River, from Gardiner at the north entrance to Yellowstone Park, and on the Gallatin River at Big Sky. Exclusive whitewater trip through Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness Area on the Madison River. Licensed for fishing. Inflatable kayak trips also available. Half-day, full-day and evening barbecue trips. Can accommodate groups up to 150 on the Yellowstone River. Group rates on request, complimentary trip for tour escort.



January

Montana Winter Fair

Bozeman–Third week January
P.O. Box 3664, Bozeman, MT 59722
406-585-1397

Winter fair is a week-long livestock and commercial exhibit show with cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, llamas and rabbits. Competitions include a draft horse pull, team roping and sheep shearing. Food, arts and crafts booths, family day, lumberjack rodeo and various entertainment events. Admission $2 adult.

Western Winter Carnival

Big Sky–Second weekend January
Big Sky Ski Resort
P.O. Box 1, Big Sky, MT 59716
406-995-4211 or 800-548-8096

A rip-roarin' five-day weekend featuring "casino night," fun and serious races such as the Six Shooter Slalom, and an Oktoberfest evening.

February

Whitefish Winter Carnival

Whitefish–Early February
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 364, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501

Three-day celebration of winter featuring grand parade and royalty. Torchlight parade, fireworks and ski exhibition on The Big Mountain. Other activities include royalty dinner, carnival brunch and dance, ice sculpture, skating exhibition and cross-country ski races. 1993 theme is "Snowghosts and Glasnost" celebrating community spirit and friendship. Admission $2 button plus charge for various ticketed events.

March

Big Mountain/Doug Betters Winter Classic

Whitefish–mid-March
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501

Betters, a defensive lineman for the Miami Dolphins, and approximately 20 linemen from NFL and CFL football leagues gather at The Big Mountain to ski and raise money for children's hospitals. Events include a barbecue dinner Friday night, ski races and banquet on Saturday, Sunday morning breakfast plus public appearances and autograph parties.

C.M. Russell Auction of Original Western Art

Great Falls–mid-March
Great Falls Advertising Federation
P.O. Box 634, Great Falls, MT 59403
406-761-6453

Four-day extravaganza of original Western art featuring the work of the nation's finest artists. Event features two auctions, two quick-draw auctions, seminars, receptions, chuckwagon brunch and more than 100 exhibitors' suites. Admission $75. Exhibit rooms and seminars are free.

Red Lodge Winter Carnival

Red Lodge–First full weekend March
Red Lodge Central Reservations
P.O. Box 750, Red Lodge, MT 59068
800-444-8977

Red Lodge's annual celebration of winter includes snow sculpture contest, carnival parade, costume contest, Firehose Race, Cardboard Classic Race, torchlight parade, fireworks, cross-country ski racing and more. Events in town and at Red Lodge Mountain. Entry fee for contests, no admission to spectate.

Downhill skiing *Gordon Wiltsie*

April

North American Ski/Yachting Championships

Whitefish and Bigfork–Early April
c/o Alan Oratz,
The Big Mountain
P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3511

During a four-day period, spectators can view both snow ski races and sailboat races. Few spots in the world could play host to such a unique event, having both snow and open water in such close proximity. All competitors participate in both skiing and sailing events with a Ski Maestro Award being presented in various age and gender categories. The two days of slalom and giant slalom races can be viewed at The Big Mountain in Whitefish and the two days of sailing competition on Flathead Lake can be viewed from Flathead Lake Lodge in Bigfork. No admission charged.

International Wildlife Film Festival

Missoula–First weekend April
c/o Dr. Charles Jonkel
280 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802
406-728-9380

One of two International Wildlife Film Festivals in the world (the other is held in London, England). In attendance are top producers and filmmakers from around the world. The festival is a juried film competition featuring top quality wildlife films, workshops and panels on wildlife film making.

Western Art Roundup and Quick-Draw Art Auction

Miles City–April 29-June 6, 1993 and
April 21-June 19, 1994
Custer County Art Center
P.O. Box 1284, Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-0635

Artists from Montana and surrounding states celebrate the West and the artistic expressions it evokes in paintings, photographs and sculptures. The Quick-Draw will be held on May 15 in 1993 and May 21 in 1994 at Riverside Park. Artists are given a half-hour to create a work of art to be sold at auction. Music and barbeque lunches at the park. Admission free.

Rodeo action

May

Miles City Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale

Miles City–May 14-16, 1993 and
May 20-22, 1994
P.O. Box 127, Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-6585

Auction of rodeo stock for the Northwest's upcoming rodeo season. Rodeo, wild horse races and pari-mutuel betting. Roundup features hound and hare chase and a key grab competition. Three days. Admission charged.

June

College National Finals Rodeo

Bozeman–mid-June
CNFR Office
Breeden Fieldhouse, MSU
Bozeman, MT 59717
406-587-2637

Five performances of the nation's top collegiate cowboys and cowgirls competing for national titles in all rodeo events. Each performance includes competition in bullriding, bareback bronc, saddle bronc, team roping, steer wrestling, calf roping, barrel racing and goat tying as well as several special events. Additional activities include a parade and carnival. 1988 telecasters voted this one of the top 10 sport specials. Admission charged.

Custer's Last Stand and Little Bighorn Days

Hardin–Weekend closest to June 25
Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce
200 N. Center Ave., Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1672

Re-enactment of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer's clash, with Indian and cavalry riders in authentic costumes. Professionally produced. The re-enactment is held during Little Bighorn Days, a weekend of activities which includes parades, an arts and crafts fair, social events, dances and a bed race. Admission charged to some events.

Hot Air Balloon Rally
Miles City–Third weekend June
Miles City Chamber of Commerce
901 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-2890

The balloon rally attracts balloonists from several states. Varied competitions are held, and burners illuminate the brightly colored balloons for an evening balloon glow.

Lewis and Clark Festival
Great Falls–Last weekend June
Lewis & Clark Interpretive Association
P.O. Box 2848, Great Falls, MT 59403
406-761-4434

A live encampment demonstrates how the Lewis and Clark expedition lived and survived. There is a buffalo barbeque, musket shooting, writing with quill pens, short float trips on the Missouri, educational seminars and an evening outdoor play. Admission charged to some events.

Missoula SummerFest
Missoula–June through August
Downtown Association
101 E. Main St., Missoula, MT 59802
406-543-4238

SummerFest includes such diverse programs as the free Out to Lunch at Caras Park performance series Wednesday from 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M., free Missoula Band concerts on the lawn at Bonner Park Wednesday night, Missoula Children's Theatre, Montana Chamber Orchestra, children's film festival, Pet and Doll parade, bicycle and foot races, weekly Farmer's Market downtown, and special events and programs at various locations throughout Missoula. Admission charged to some events.

Montana Traditional Jazz Festival
Helena–June 23-27, 1993 and
June 22-26, 1994
c/o Don West
P.O. Box 856, Helena, 59624
406-449-7969

New Orleans-style Dixieland jazz bands from thoughout the country and Canada perform in five locations around Helena. Shuttle service is provided between jazz venues. Events include all-star concerts, Jazz Mass at St. Helena Cathedral, gospel service in the park, Gates of the Mountains boat tour, picnic, barbeques, arts and crafts fair, and listening and dancing to the best jazz anywhere. The American Bus Association voted this festival one of the top 100 events in North America for both 1989 and 1990. Admission charged. Arts and crafts show free.

Pioneer Days and Dirty Shame Show
Scobey–Last weekend June
c/o Edgar Richardson
P.O. Box 133, Scobey, MT 59263
406-487-5965

Pioneer Town consists of more than 50 buildings dating back to the early 1900s, situated on 20 acres on the west edge of Scobey. Pioneer Days is a two-day celebration that includes an antique car and tractor parade, pancake and sausage breakfast, concession stands, and the highlight of the weekend, the Dirty Shame Variety Show. The show is performed by local talent and plays to packed houses. Admission charged to show and activities on grounds.

Red Lodge Music Festival
Red Lodge–Early June
Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 998, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1718 or 446-1905

Twenty-five professional musicians from across the country gather for nine days of symphony, jazz and chamber performances.

Summer Celebration
Fort Benton–Last weekend June
c/o Tracy Ross or Connie Jenkins
P.O. Box 279, Fort Benton, MT 59442

Three-day event featuring Art on the Levee, parade, fun run/walk, entertainment and other activities for all ages. Admission free.

Helena Jazz Festival *Donnie Sexton*

July

Art in Washoe Park

Anaconda–Third weekend July
401 E. Commercial, Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2422

Washoe Park nestles under beautiful Mount Haggin. Sponsored by Copper Village Museum and Art Center, 75 juried arts and crafts booths, along with 15 ethnic food booths and beverage bars, offer wares. Well-known professional entertainment is featured both days. Special children's games and booths are a treat for the little ones.

Bannack Days

Dillon–Third weekend July
Bannack Historical & Museum Association
4200 Bannack Rd., Dillon, MT 59725
406-834-3413

Two days of period demonstrations and activities located on the dusty streets and weathered boardwalks of Bannack. Muzzle-loading activities, Nez Perce Indian events, music, concession booths, gold panning, buggy rides and more. Admission charged to state park.

Daly Days: Festival of the Arts

Hamilton–July 4th weekend
Valley Community Arts Council
P.O. Box 774-A, Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-2748

Mountain man *Donnie Sexton*

Turn back your clocks more than 90 years and visit Hamilton's Daly Days for fun for the whole group. Juried arts and crafts, music, theatre, carriage rides, historic tours, old fashioned good times in a town established by "Copper King" Marcus Daly. Admission charged to some events.

4th of July Celebration

Missoula–July 4
Historical Museum at Fort Missoula
Building 322, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59801

Opening ceremonies at this annual celebration include a Civil War reenactment and American Legion drill team performance. Demonstrations and displays throughout the day feature fire and rescue teams, fire engines, antique machines, cannon firing, model railroads, fire lookout tower, one-room schoolhouse, book sale and food booths. A broad spectrum of stage performances such as classical guitar, clogging, square dancing, karate displays, choir and more are presented every half-hour. Admission $1 per person.

Hellgate Rendezvous Arts and Crafts Show

Missoula–Second weekend July
c/o Mary Lou Sennet
P.O. Box 1053, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-2212

Arts, crafts, food and entertainment with more than 80 participants from five states, as well as modern "mountain men."

International Choral Festival

Missoula–July
c/o Al Pontrelli or Ann Boone
International Choral Festival
Missoula, MT 59801
406-728-4071 or 5406-43-8161

One of a kind festival of song including choral groups from countries all around the world including former "Iron Curtain" countries.

Livingston Roundup Rodeo

Livingston–July 4th Weekend
Livingston Chamber of Commerce
212 W. Park, Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-0850

Three nights of rodeo with a parade, Livingston's famous "Indian hold-ups" and fireworks. PRCA rodeo draws 400-450 cowboys and cowgirls competing for $35,000 purse. Admission charged.

North American Indian Days

Browning–Early July
Blackfeet Tribe
P.O. Box 850, Browning, MT 59417

Indians from all over the country attend this four-day event. The celebration features Indian dancing, contest dancing, hand games, a rodeo, feasts and a parade. Admission charged to the rodeo.

Home of Champions Rodeo

Red Lodge–July 2,3,4
P.O. Box 1030, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-2300

Billed as one of the great rodeos in America by *National Geographic,* the Home of Champions draws more than 400 of the country's top cowboys and cowgirls who compete for a purse of $30,000. Each day features a parade at noon and a PRCA-sponsored rodeo in the evening. Besides the usual events, the rodeo features the crowd-pleasing wild horse race and children's sheep riding. Admission charged for rodeo.

Last Chance Stampede and Fair

Helena–Last week July
c/o Fritz Smith
2045 Smith Rd., Helena, MT 59601
406-442-0185

This five-day event includes a fair, carnival, nightly rodeo, livestock sale and auction, farm and home exhibits, and demolition derby. Admission charged, group rates available.

Libby Logger Days

Libby–mid-July
Libby Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 704, Libby, MT 59923
406-293-3832

Four-day celebration including Montana Lumberjack Championships, carnival, Bull of the Woods competition, youth sawing events, parade, pancake breakfast, river raft race, coronation of Logger Days Queen. One admission price for all activities.

Montana Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament

Glasgow–mid-July
Glasgow Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
P.O. Box 832, Glasgow, MT 59230

Contest open to 250 two-person teams. Weigh-in activities each afternoon, Pitchfork Fondue at Kiwanis Park, Liars Contest, Native American dancers and other entertainment. Admission charged for Pitchfork Fondue.

Montana State Old-Time Fiddlers Contest

Polson–4th Friday and Saturday July
Polson Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 677, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-5969

Two-day statewide contest to determine the top old-time fiddlers in various age categories. Admission charged evenings only.

Red Lodge Mountain Man Rendezvous

Red Lodge–Last weekend July
Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 988, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1718

The 10-day Rendezvous is an authentic 1830s encampment on the edge of Red Lodge on Rock Creek that recreates life in the area during the fur trade era. Traders in camp sell authentic, historical goods. Adult and children's games and entertainment of the period, and symposiums on topics such as backwoods skills are also featured. Admission charged.

State Fair

Great Falls–Starts last Saturday July
P.O. Box 1524, Great Falls, MT 59403
406-727-8900

Eight-day fair; horse racing, PRCA rodeo, professional entertainment, special events; livestock, domestic, arts and crafts exhibits. Features Ray Cammack Shows carnival. Admission charged.

Summerfair

Billings–Third weekend July
Yellowstone Art Center
401 N. 27th, Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6804

Summerfair is a regional arts and crafts festival at Rocky Mountain College. More than 100 artists from 15 states display and sell their work in a juried fair. Booths feature art, pottery, quilts, weavings, jewelry, hand-blown glass and much more. Ethnic and specialty foods, arts and crafts demonstrations, children's activities and musical entertainment are also featured. Admission free.

ValleyOop!

Missoula–Early July
Missoula Cultural Exchange
210 N. Higgins, Missoula, MT 59801
406-543-4322

International festival featuring performing arts, arts and craft fair, hands on activities for children, recreation events, lectures, readings, films, international food fair and more. Performing artists will be from Russia, Commonwealth of Independent States, national, regional and local artists.

Wild Horse Stampede

Wolf Point–Second weekend July
Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 237, Wolf Point, MT 59201
406-653-2012

Three-day PRCA rodeo with a wild horse race and wrangler bullfights as the special events of the rodeo; parades, street dance and carnival. This rodeo, which dates back to 1897, is considered the "granddaddy" of all Montana rodeos. Admission charged.

August

Crow Fair

Crow Agency–Third weekend August
Dale Old Horn or Joe Medicine Crow
Big Horn College, Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-2228

Eight-day Northern Plains Indian celebration featuring parades, hand games, food and craft displays and nightly rodeo. Admission charged for rodeo.

Festival of Nations

Red Lodge–Starts first Saturday August
Bob Moran
P.O. Box 1068, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1905

1993 marks the 43rd celebration of the Festival of Nations. Each day of the nine-day festival features a different nationality with its own cooking, customs, arts and crafts displays and music. The festival is a nonprofit venture dedicated to the close relationship and enjoyment of people of all nationalities and to the preservation of customs, music, food, and crafts of the Old World and of Montana. Admission charged.

Folk Fest

Billings–mid-August
Western Heritage Center
2822 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6809

Folk Fest celebrates the rich cultural heritage of the Yellowstone River region. Activites include concerts, ethnic and American food booths, children's activities, carriage rides, farm animal exhibits, handicrafts booths and a variety of demonstrations from blacksmithing, sheep shearing and weaving to Hmong embroidery and Indian beadwork. Admission $5 per person for all three days of events.

Huckleberry Bluegrass and Acoustic Music Festival

Whitefish–Early August
c/o John Porterfield
P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937

The music festival is the grand finale of an annual four-day Whitefish event, "Huckleberry Days." Activities include sidewalk sales, kids treasure hunt, huckleberry picking and cooking contests and music in the park featuring well-known musicians. Admission charged to music festival.

Montana Fair and Racing at MetraPark

Billings–mid-August
MetraPark
P.O. Box 2514, Billings, MT 59101
406-256-2400

The state's largest fair features eight days of animal events, free acts, exhibits, carnival, big name entertainers, professional rodeo and thoroughbred (pari-mutuel) horse-racing. Racing continues each Friday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon to mid-October. Group services include special seating, dining, tours and educational program on racing. Admission charged.

Sweet Pea Festival
Bozeman–First full weekend August
Joyce Bissel
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-4003

Four-day festival of arts with parade, flower show, children's art activities, arts and crafts sales, juried and open art shows, Shakespeare-in-the-Park, dance workshops and music during the day as well as evening concerts. Admission charged.

United Peoples Powwow and Western Encampment
Missoula–Early August
Meadowlark Ventures
502 S. 1st W., Missoula, MT 59801
406-728-2180

This colorful, exciting celebration of tribal cultures and Western history is focused around a contemporary Indian powwow with ongoing dance contests, exhibition and honor dances and intertribal dances. Includes an art and culture festival, Indian market, and educational forums on Indian singing, dancing and costumes.

Powwow Donnie Sexton

Western Montana Fair and Horseracing
Missoula–mid-August
c/o Sam Yewäusiak
406-721-FAIR

Annual county fair with five full days of activities including horseracing, commercial and educational exhibits, entertainment, demonstrations, 4-H events, carnival, food and more. Held at the Missoula Fairgrounds.

Western Rendezvous of Art
Helena–mid-August
Holter Museum of Art
12 E. Lawrence St., Helena, MT 59601
406-442-6400

This prestigious art exhibition draws well-known artists from throughout the West. Activities include a quick-draw contest, artists' reception, an auction, awards, socializing and many meals. Admission charged to event. Art exhibition free.

World Champion Pack Horse Race
Big Timber–Early August
Packhorse Association
P.O. Box 1272, Big Timber, MT 59011
406-932-6121

Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy this original Montana event. Competition begins with timed "packing up," a very important part of the race, and then racing on horseback across rough mountain terrain leading the pack horse. No admission to spectate.

September

Dillon Jaycees Rodeo
Dillon–Labor Day weekend
Dillon Jaycees
P.O. Box 334, Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-5612 or 406-683-5771

Billed as "Montana's Biggest Weekend," this PRCA rodeo on Sunday and Monday also features top-name Monday evening entertainment. Past performers include George Strait, the Oak Ridge Boys, Vince Gill, Eddie Rabbit, Charlie Pride and more. Included is the Miss Rodeo Montana contest, a parade, and free barbeque after the rodeo on Sunday for rodeo ticket holders. Night life in Dillon on this weekend could be a scene out of the Old West. Admission charged.

Great Falls International Dixieland Jazz Festival
Great Falls–Labor Day weekend
c/o Don West
P.O. Box 856, Helena, MT 59624
406-449-7969

Four days and nights of exciting ragtime and dixieland music performed by bands from Montana and throughout the country and Canada. Listening, dancing, Jazz Mass at St. Ann's Cathedral. Admission charged.

Herbstfest
Laurel–Fourth week September
Laurel Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 395, Laurel, MT 59044
406-628-8105

Two-day authentic Oktoberfest celebration. Activities include a pageant featuring actors depicting the old German lifestyle in plays and singing, hours of dancing and entertainment, festhalle, bierstube and food booths. Admission charged for some events.

Libby Nordicfest
Libby–Third weekend September
June McMahon
P.O. Box 791, Libby, MT 59923
406-293-8573 or 406-293-4124

Three days of authentic Scandinavian food, crafts and music against a background of golden autumn leaves, rugged mountains, forest, lakes and streams in northwest Montana. Juried craft show, quilt show, parade, food booths and continuous free entertainment. Admission charged for meals, melodrama and some featured entertainment events.

Threshing Bee and Antique Show
Culbertson–Fourth weekend September
Rodney M. Iverson
P.O. Box 168, Culbertson, MT 59218
406-787-5265

Two-day celebration and antique show featuring contests, music jamboree, antique exhibit and largest display of old-time tractors and farm equipment in the Northwest. Admission charged.

October

Christmas at the Mansion
Kalispell–Third weekend October
c/o Lynn Redfield
P.O. Box 1041, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-755-2166

The Conrad Mansion is decorated inside and out for Christmas, and 50 Flathead Valley artists and craftsmen set up shop to sell their Made in Montana merchandise. Live entertainment and baked goods are also featured. The highlight of the bazaar is the two-story Christmas tree decorated with Victorian ornaments. Admission charged.

Northern International Livestock Exposition and Rodeo
Billings–October 18-23, 1993
P.O. Box 1981, Billings, MT 59103
406-256-2495

The largest agricultural event in the Rocky Mountain Northwest, this week-long livestock show features 14 breeds of cattle, shows and sales. Swine, sheep and horse shows, parades, farm and home show, and five performances of Montana's largest and

Spinning yarn *Donnie Sexton*

richest pro-rodeo. Special entertainment includes cowboy poets and singers, llamas, wrangler bullfights, miniature horses and stock dog contests. Admission charged.

Oktoberfest

Anaconda–Second weekend October
City Hall Center
401 E. Commercial, Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2422

A fall festival, Oktoberfest is held each year at City Hall Center. Sponsored by Copper Village Museum and Art Center; 40 arts and crafts booths, along with some good German food, beverages and music.

Tamarack Time

Bigfork - October 8, 1993 and
October 7, 1994
c/o Elna Darrow
P.O. Box 400, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-4848

When the tamarack trees have turned golden, it's time for Bigfork to celebrate the harvest at the one-day Tamarack Time festival. A myriad of local home-prepared recipes are exhibited on the street downtown for sampling. $5 tasting fee.

November

Bald Eagle Gathering

Helena–mid-November to mid-December
For viewing information:
Montana Department of Fish,
Wildlife and Parks
1420 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59601
406-444-4720

Migrating bald eagles stop each fall to feed on spawning salmon in the Missouri River. Populations reach more than 250 eagles along a short stretch of river, and include both immature and mature eagles.

Missoula Renaissance Fair

Missoula–Thanksgiving through Christmas weekends
Downtown Association
101 E. Main St., Missoula, MT 59801
406-543-4238

Artists and craftspeople from four states, and entertainment at the Holiday Inn Missoula Parkside.

December

Christmas at the Mansion

Butte–mid-December
Copper King Mansion
219 W. Granite St., Butte, MT 59701
406-782-7580

Celebrate the yuletide season in the beautifully decorated Copper King Mansion. A Christmas bazaar by local artists and craftsmen is held in one of Montana's most famous residences. Guided tours through the mansion. Refreshments served. Admission free.

Original Governor's Mansion Christmas Tour

Helena–Early December
Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620
406-444-2694

Each year, the mansion is decorated with authentic holiday decorations to historically depict a year or period in Montana history. In addition, four historic homes in Helena are decorated and opened to the public. Admission charged.

Bald eagle *Garry Wunderwald*

Cities and Attractions

Anaconda

Location:
Southwest Montana, nine miles off I-90 west of Butte, on Montana l

Population:
10,278

Information:
Anaconda Chamber of Commerce
306 E. Park St., Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2400

This town sprang up when the giant Anaconda Copper Mining Company of Butte needed a smelter for its vast amounts of copper ore. "Copper King" Marcus Daly chose the site in 1882 because of the ample supply of water and lime-stone nearby.

In 1980, the Anaconda Company shut down its smelter operation in Anaconda, putting an end to its historic economic base. The idle smokestack, which can be seen from the interstate, stands more than 585 feet high and measures 86 feet in diameter at the base. The stack was declared a state monument by the 1985 Montana Legislature and is the tallest free-standing masonry structure in the world.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

Attractions:
ANACONDA VISITORS CENTER
401 E. Commercial, Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2433

The visitors center is a beautiful replica of an old train depot. Exhibits of old trains and audio-visual presentations depicting area history are featured attractions. Maps for the Anaconda self-guided walking tour are available. The route features buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Deer Lodge County Courthouse with its symbolic copper dome is one of the most interesting. The Washoe Theatre, ranked fifth by the Smithsonian Institution for its representation of an important architectural theme, is a real find, especially for the art deco fan.

Open year-round, Monday - Friday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.; Memorial Day - Labor Day, Sunday - Saturday 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

OLD CITY HALL COPPER VILLAGE MUSEUM AND ART CENTER
401 E. Commercial, Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2422

Built in 1895 of local materials, the Anaconda City Hall was the finest city hall in the Northwest. It housed all city government offices, the fire engine house and the police department. Renovated in 1982, the hall now houses a history museum, archives, an art gallery with changing exhibits, and shops. The museum displays include smelter memorabilia, turn-of-the-century clothing, furniture and a pharmacy.

Open year-round, Tuesday - Saturday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Outdoor Activities:
DISCOVERY BASIN SKI AREA
P.O. Box 221, Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2184

Discovery is located off Montana 1 just 10 miles from Georgetown Lake. Discovery is a good place for the entire family to enjoy downhill skiing. It is serviced by two double chairlifts and two beginner tows. There are more than 160 acres of trails with a total vertical drop of 1,300 feet. Discovery provides a separate beginner area and easy slopes for new skiers. Instruction is available for children and adults with special kinderski classes for new skiers 3-6 years old. For the experts the upper mountain has everything from powder to moguls.

LOST CREEK STATE PARK
1.5 miles east of Anaconda on Montana 1, 1/2 mile north on Secondary 273, then 8 miles west
406-542-5500

A scenic recreation and camping area with a short walking trail to Lost Creek Falls and spectacular limestone cliffs that rise 1,200 feet above the canyon floor. Popular viewing area for mountain goats and bighorn sheep.

Open May 20 - September 15.

Symbols Legend
The symbols shown indicate facilities and services available at Montana attractions.

Communities displaying the SUPERHOST™ logo provide staffed visitor centers with a wide variety of local state-wide tourism information. These communities also sponsor ongoing hospitality training for employees in businesses that serve visitors.

Accessible to wheelchairs
Restrooms
Picnic tables
Superhost™ logo
On-site food service
Cocktail service available
Gift shop

PINTLER SCENIC ROUTE
Encompasses 62 miles of Montana 1 off I-90

This highway takes you over mountain passes to Anaconda and Philipsburg and along the shores of scenic Georgetown Lake. The peaks of the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness form the backdrop. Georgetown Lake recreation area is a favorite spot for fishing and boating. Boat rentals are available. Off the Pintler Scenic Route are mining ghost towns, and St. Timothy's Chapel, a non-denominational chapel that overlooks Georgetown Lake.

VINTAGE BUS TOUR
306 E. Park St., Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2400

Tour historic Anaconda on a vintage 1936 White bus. This bus was originally used by the Anaconda Company to transport visitors through the copper smelter. Passengers view historic buildings and learn of the city's history.

Tours depart from the visitors center twice daily, Memorial Day - Labor Day.

WASHOE PARK AND STATE FISH HATCHERY
City Park, 600 W. Pennsylvania,
Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2531

Relax and have fun in beautiful Washoe Park with its outdoor swimming pool, baseball field, tennis courts, playground and picnic areas.

Washoe Park Trout Hatchery, the state's oldest, is located at the east end of the park. The hatchery is the home of our state fish, the Cutthroat Trout. It is presently undergoing a major renovation; displays are limited. Work is expected to be completed sometime in late 1994. Walk through self-guided tours or guided tours by special arrangement.

Open year-round, 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Fish spawning weekly, May - June.
Admission free.

Bigfork

Location:
Northeast shore of Flathead Lake

Population:
1,080

Information:
Bigfork Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-5888

This year-round resort hamlet and artists' haven is nestled on picturesque Bigfork Bay. The unhurried pace of village life provides leisurely opportunities for strolling, eating and shopping. Arts and crafts shops and galleries line the streets and delight browsers. Located in the community is the impressive and challenging Eagle Bend Golf Course. Bigfork is the gateway to the 91-mile Seeley-Swan Highway - Montana 83. "The Swan" runs between two majestic mountain ranges, past pristine lakes and heavily wooded slopes.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, resort cottages, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Attractions:
BIGFORK SUMMER PLAYHOUSE
526 Electric Ave.
P.O. Box 456, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-4886

This summer stock theater produces Broadway musicals in repertory. Their fast-paced, light singing, dancing and acting provide great family entertainment. Past performances include "Fiddler On The Roof" and "My Fair Lady."

Performing mid to late May - Labor Day weekend, Monday - Saturday 8:30 P.M. Reservations must be made in advance. All seats $15. Discount rates for groups of 15 or more are available Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

Cruising Flathead Lake *Tom Needham*

Outdoor Activities:

THE FAR WEST
P.O. Box 248, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-857-3203 (406-837-4391, winter)

Enjoy Flathead Lake aboard the Far West, a two-level cruise boat with a capacity of 200 people. Scheduled daytime cruises last 90 minutes. Special cruises include sunset brunch, a Montana barbecue and a fiesta night. Charters can be arranged to all points of the lake from any suitable docking location. Full catering and live music available for private charter. Special cruises arranged for groups. Admission - $7/adult and $4/child 12 and under.

Big Sky

Location:

52 miles south of Bozeman on U.S. Highway 191

Population:

400 permanent residents

Information:

Bozeman Convention and Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box B, Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-5421
800-228-4224 (nationwide)

The scenic community of Big Sky nestles high in mountain meadows, surrounded by timberland, the Spanish Peaks Primitive Area and the Gallatin National Forest. Majestic 11,166-foot Lone Mountain towers over this paradise, where in 1969, Chet Huntley, the late newscaster, and a group of corporate investors purchased some ranchland. Chet loved his native Montana and wanted to contribute to its tourism industry by establishing a year-round resort with complete lodging and recreational facilities.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, resort cabins, river floating, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

Attractions:

SOLDIERS CHAPEL
U.S. Highway 191 at Big Sky
P.O. Box 1411, Bozeman, MT 59715
406-995-4292

This small church of native stone and logs was built as a memorial to the fallen soldiers of World War II, and to serve the spiritual needs of the ranchers and families living in the Gallatin Canyon and their many summer visitors. Its picture window offers a breathtaking view of Lone Mountain.

The chapel is open May 1 - September 30, 8 A.M. - 8 P.M. Visitors are always welcome. Regular services are held on Sunday mornings and special services can be arranged.

Outdoor Activities:

BIG SKY SKI AND SUMMER RESORT
P.O. Box 1, Big Sky, MT 59716
406-995-4211
800-824-7767 (Montana)
800-548-4486 (nationwide and Canada)

Conceived and developed by the late Chet Huntley, this year-round resort offers nordic and alpine skiing, an 18-hole Arnold Palmer golf course, tennis courts, scenic sky lift ride, ice skating, guided nature walks, sleigh rides and hay rides with evening cookouts, and hourly horseback rides. The sales staff at Big Sky can assist you in arranging all the above activities.

Big Timber

Location:

South-central Montana on I-90

Population:

1,680

Information:

Big Timber Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1012, Big Timber, MT 59011
406-932-5131

Big Timber's name came from the large cottonwood trees that grow along the bank of the Yellowstone River. Nestled between the Boulder River and the Yellowstone, Big Timber is an agricultural community. The beautiful Crazy Mountains provide a perfect backdrop for all types of outdoor sports, photography and scenic drives. Big Timber is also the gateway to the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area and has some of the best blue-ribbon trout fishing in the state. There are two excellent museums, plus antique shops, galleries and the oldest department store in Montana.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides and golf.

Attractions:

CRAZY MOUNTAIN MUSEUM
Exit 367 - Cemetery Road
P.O. Box 83, Big Timber, MT 59011
406-932-5226

On exhibit is "Wind and Flame," the story of Big Timber, known as the Cobblestone City before the 1907 fire. The six by fourteen-foot detailed miniature replica is accompanied by historical photographs. Also on permanent display is a Norwegian stabbur, or store house, and artifacts from Big Timber's Norwegian heritage dating back to 1882. Other exhibits rotate each year in conjunction with special events and entertainment.

Open June - August, Monday - Saturday 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Minimum time: 30-45 minutes. Group tours available. Admission free, donations accepted.

VICTORIAN VILLAGE MUSEUM AND ANTIQUE SHOPPE
110 W. Frontage Rd., Exit 367
P.O. Box 1331, Big Timber, MT 59011
406-932-4378 or 406-932-4149

The museum is a private collection of family-style heirlooms and thousands of vintage items collected during a 40-year period. It is housed in a Victorian setting with more than 5,000 square feet under one roof, and is wheelchair accessible. A complete Victorian home is set up in individual rooms, including a music room displaying many turn-of-the-century Victrolas. The Village side of the museum features a school room, harness shop, carpenter's shop, general store, doctor's office, dress shop and one of the few remaining complete print shops in America.

Open June - August, daily 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. ; May and September, weekends 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Closed for the winter. Minimum time: one hour. Group tours available. Admission $3/person.

Billings

SUPERHOST

Location:

South-central Montana near the junction of I-90 and I-94

Population:

81,151

Information:

Billings Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 31177, Billings, MT 59107
406-245-4111

Billings is Montana's largest city and the financial center of Montana's energy industry. Shielded on the north by the Rimrocks, Billings was established in 1882 with the coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Two years later the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroads arrived and further boosted the economy. Today it is a major shipping center for cattle and other agricultural products. The METRA, a 12,000-seat events center, hosts the NILE rodeo, held each year in October. The Yellowstone Exhibition is held in August.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Attractions:

ALBERTA BAIR THEATER
Broadway and 3rd Ave. N.
Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6052

The Alberta Bair Theater for the Performing Arts is the largest theater between Minneapolis, Minnesota and Spokane, Washington. It is the home of the Billings Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, and numerous ballets, plays and workshops. Many Billings Studio Theatre productions are staged at the Alberta Bair Theater.

Open year-round, Monday - Saturday 10 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Group tours (2-4 hours) offered by appointment, group rates available.

MOSS MANSION
914 Division St., Billings, MT 59101
406-256-5100

This turn-of-the-century mansion was the home of prominent Billings businessman and entrepreneur, P.B. Moss. Completed in 1903, the house contains many of its original carpets and wall coverings. The interior design features an eclectic decor, ranging from Moorish to art nouveau.

Theme Christmas celebration from mid-November - December. Juried antique doll show June - August. Other special exhibits throughout year. Open for one-hour group tours year-round by appointment. Gift shop open during tours.

WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER
2822 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6809

This museum contains four galleries featuring exhibits that interpret the history and culture of the Yellowstone River region. Slide shows presented upon request. Activities include workshops, lectures and performances for adults and children. Celebrations include the Folk Fest in August and the Festival of Holiday Heritage each December. In 1993, Western Heritage Center is sponsoring day tours to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument as part of its "Museums Without Walls" program. The Heritage Shop features Montana-made items and books about the West.

Open year-round, Tuesday - Saturday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday 1 - 5 P.M. Admission free.

YELLOWSTONE ART CENTER
401 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101
406-259-1869

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, this regional art center has six galleries featuring regional and national historic and contemporary art exhibitions and a major collection of recent art of the region. Lectures, concerts and films are a regular part of the programming. Museum shop open during regular hours featuring a wide selection of books and gifts.

Open winter, Tuesday - Saturday 11 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday noon - 5 P.M., Thursday 11 A.M. - 8 P.M. Summer, Tuesday - Sunday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., Thursday 10 A.M. - 8 P.M. Closed January. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free.

Moss Mansion, Billings *Donnie Sexton*

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY MUSEUM
Airport Road, directly across from
Logan International Airport
Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6811

Indian artifacts, Calamity Jane memorabilia, J.K. Ralston paintings and the last Northern Pacific steam switch engine are just a few of the many items you'll see depicting the nature of Montana's Western agricultural heritage.

Open year-round, Monday - Friday 10:30 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday 2 - 5 P.M. Closed Saturday. Special group tours by appointment. Admission free.

Outdoor Activities:

BILLINGS NIGHT RODEO
1223 Mullowney Lane, Billings, MT 59102
406-248-1080

Enjoy a live-action rodeo any night of the summer at Billings Night Rodeo at the Four Cross Arena. Events include PRCA rodeo, college rodeo, Indian rodeo, rodeo schools, rodeo photography seminar, wild horse races, gunfighters and more. Country-western music and dancing, chuckwagon barbecue, souvenirs, free parking.

Open June 1 - August 31, daily 7 - 10 P.M. Admission $6 at the gate.

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK
West of Pryor
P.O. Box 100, Pryor, MT 59066
406-252-1289

Homesite of Chief Plenty Coups (1848-1932), last chief of the Crow Tribe. Plenty Coups led scouts under General Crook and represented all Indian nations in Washington D.C. as Chief of Chiefs. He willed his 1880s log home and property as a park for all people. The Chief Plenty Coups Museum was developed in 1972 to display Crow artifacts and tell the story of Plenty Coups and the Crow Indian. Located 40 miles south of Billings at base of sacred Pryor Mountains and Castle Rocks.

Open May 1 - September 30, daily 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.; museum open 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups by appointment. Minimum time: one hour. Admission 50 cents/person, $3/vehicle.

OLD BILLINGS HORSE TROLLEY
1506 Thiel Rd. Laurel, MT 59044
406-628-4436

Tour downtown Billings on a horse-drawn trolley. Departing from the Radisson Northern Hotel, guests are treated to historical, humorous, informative rides, and are invited to sign the ceiling at the end of the trip.

Half-hour to one-hour tours, $2/person/half hour, Wednesday - Saturday, June - September or anytime by reservation.

OSCAR'S DREAMLAND YESTERYEAR MUSEUM
Rt. 9, P.O. Box 4002, Storey Rd.,
Billings, MT 59102
406-656-0966
406-656-9476 (off season)
This indoor/outdoor facility boasts a 1900s pioneer town, 1920 ferris wheel and an outstanding collection of rare agricultural machinery, antique cars and trucks, horse-drawn vehicles, airplanes, steam engines, ancient hand tools and other antiques and artifacts.

Open May 1 - September 30, daily 9 A.M. - 6 P.M. Special tours and rates for groups by appointment. Bus tour admission $4/person, guide and driver free.

PICTOGRAPH CAVES STATE MONUMENT
I-90 Lockwood Exit 452 on Coburn Rd. - three miles
1125 Lake Elmo Dr., Billings, MT 59105
406-252-4654

Located in the sandstone outcroppings of the Bitter Creek Valley, this state monument preserves the remains of a prehistoric culture 5,000 years old. Among the most interesting things in the caves are the ancient paintings found on the back walls. This major archaeological site has interpretive panels which describe how man utilized this environment to fulfill his needs. Some steep grades on trails to caves.

Open May 1 - October 1, daily 8 A.M. - 8 P.M. Group tours by appointment. Minimum time: one-half hour. Group admission 50 cents/person or $3/vehicle.

POMPEYS PILLAR
Exit 23 off I-94, 25 miles east of Billings

Pompeys Pillar National Monument was founded in commemoration of Lewis and Clark's journey across the western frontier in 1804-1806. The Pillar was named after Sacajawea's baby, Baptiste, whom Clark called "Pomp" for "little chief."

Open June - September, Monday - Friday 10:30 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday 2 - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups by appointment. Minimum time: one-half hour. Admission free.

Bitterroot Valley

SUPERHOST

Location:

Southwest Montana, on U.S. Highway 93

Population:

11,400

Information:

Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce
105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-2400

The Bitterroot Valley extends along U.S. Highway 93 from Missoula to the Idaho line. It includes the communities of Stevensville, Victor, Corvallis, Hamilton and Darby. Because of its location between the Bitterroot Range and the Sapphire Mountains, the climate in this corner of the state is more moderate than the rest of Montana. Hamilton is the business center for this beautiful area. The valley was named for the bitterroot plant (Montana's state flower) that grew here profusely when Lewis and Clark first explored the region.

Attractions:

THE DALY MANSION
Eastside Highway
P.O. Box 223, Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-6004

"Copper King" Marcus Daly (pronounced DAY-lee) moved to the Bitterroot Valley in the late 1800s and established a stock farm and the community of Hamilton. 1987 marked the first opening of the Daly home to the public in 46 years. The three-story Georgian-style brick building, completed in 1910, contains 52 rooms, including 34 bedrooms! The 50 acres of grounds are filled with unique and rare foliage, a greenhouse, servants' quarters and the "doll house," a 3/4 size Victorian playhouse for the children.

Open May 1 - September 30, Tuesday - Sunday, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Closed Monday. Special group tours. Minimum time: one hour. Admission charged.

RAVALLI COUNTY MUSEUM
205 Bedford St., Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-3338

The museum is located in the original Ravalli County Courthouse built in 1900. Saved from the wrecker's ball by a grassroots citizens movement in 1979, it is now listed in the National Register of Historic Buildings and considered one of the finest museums for a city this size. Collections and displays recapture the pre-history and history of the county. Highlights include the complete Rocky Mountain Laboratory display on tick fever; extensive archives; Native American clothing, implements and art; period rooms of the Victorian era; an old -ashioned kitchen; a trappers cabin; and a veterans display.

Open Thursday - Monday 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Sunday Series Program of historical and cultural interest for locals and visitors is presented each Sunday beginning at 2 P.M. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free, donations accepted.

ST. MARY'S MISSION
P.O. Box 211, Stevensville, MT 59870
406-777-5734

Located at the west end of 4th Street, historic St. Mary's Mission was the first permanent white settlement in Montana. The mission was established in 1841 by Fr. Pierre DeSmet, S.J., who came in response to requests for "Black Robes" by various Indian tribes of present day Montana and Idaho. The mission complex includes the chapel/residence, Fr. Anthony Ravalli's house/pharmacy, Chief Victor's cabin and the Indian burial plot. All buildings have been restored to the 1880 era and are furnished with items built by Father Ravalli, Montana's first medical doctor. Chief Victor's cabin is restored as an Indian museum. Beautifully landscaped DeSmet Park was dedicated in 1991 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of St. Mary's Mission.

Open April 15 - October 15, daily 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.; October 16 - Christmas, Wednesday - Saturday 10 A.M. - 4 P.M., Sunday 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. Group tours by appointment. Minimum time: one hour.
Admission - $2/person.

STEVENSVILLE MUSEUM
217 Main St., Stevensville, MT 59870
406-777-3201

The emphasis is on the early growth and development of the Bitterroot Valley with displays of artifacts, pictures and informational panels regarding the history of the Native American population (the Salish Indians), the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery expedition through the valley in 1805-06, the arrival of Father DeSmet in 1841 in response to the request by the Salish Indians for the "Black Robes," the establishment of the earliest mission in what is now Montana, the development of Fort Owen as one of the earliest trading posts and the history of Stevensville itself. Displays of an early kitchen, wash room, parlor and school are completed with authentic items.

Outdoor Activities:

LEE METCALF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Wildfowl Lane, Stevensville, MT 59870
406-777-5552 (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)

This refuge is a diverse combination of wetlands and forested riverbottom habitat. There are osprey, Canada geese and other waterfowl, bald eagles, coyotes, marmots, muskrats, mink, painted turtles and whitetailed deer. Two walking trails provide good wildlife observation and photographic opportunities.

Bitterroot Valley John McConnaughey

Blackfeet Indian Reservation

Location:
15 miles east of Glacier National Park at junction of U.S. Highways 2 and 89.

Population:
1,200

Information:
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
Browning, MT 59417
406-338-7511

Browning is the agency headquarters for the one-and-one-half-million-acre Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Although today the majority of the reservation Blackfeet live much like the residents of any western community, they have maintained many of their cultural traditions. Painted tipis, colorful feather headdresses and beaded deerskin costumes are used on special occasions such as the North American Indian Days celebration held each July. The resort communities of St. Mary and East Glacier Park are located nearby, on the eastern edge of Glacier National Park.

Attractions:
MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS INDIAN
Junction of U.S. Highways 2 and 89
P.O. Box 400, Browning, MT 59417
406-338-2230

The Museum of the Plains Indian exhibits the creative achievements of the Native American artists and craftsmen of the United States, past and present. There is a permanent exhibit and two special exhibition galleries devoted to changing presentations. The museum's sales shop offers a wide variety of authentic, contemporary Native American arts and crafts.

Open June - September, daily 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.; October - May, Monday - Friday 10:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission free.

MUSEUM OF MONTANA WILDLIFE AND HALL OF BRONZE
Junction of U.S. Highways 2 and 89
P.O. Box 172, Browning, MT 59417
406-338-5425

Bob Scriver, nationally known sculptor, is the owner and curator of this museum, which houses wildlife exhibits, dioramas, 30 large John Fery oil paintings of Glacier Park and Bob Scriver's original bronze sculptures.

Open May - September, daily 8 A.M. - 8 P.M. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Group rate available.

Bozeman

Location:
90 miles north of the entrance to Yellowstone National Park on I-90

Population:
22,660

Information:
Bozeman Convention and Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box B, Bozeman, MT 59715
406-587-2111
800-228-4224 (nationwide)

In 1864, John Bozeman led a wagon train over Bozeman Pass into the Gallatin Valley, where his friends W.J. Beall and D.E. Rouse staked out the townsite for the city of Bozeman. Located in this beautiful mountain valley, Bozeman has become one of Montana's major tourist and agricultural centers. Another important part of this thriving community is Montana State University. Established in 1893 as Montana State College, MSU has become the largest unit of the Montana university system, with around 10,000 students. MSU offers a diversified curriculum with emphasis on engineering and agricultural studies. The MSU Fieldhouse, which seats 13,000, is the site of the College National Finals Rodeo each June. Other annual events include the Montana Winter Fair in January and the Sweet Pea Festival in August. Bozeman is an important winter recreation area with two major ski areas nearby. Bridger Bowl is located 16 miles north of town and Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort is 45 miles south.

Attractions:
MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES
South 7th and Kagy Blvd.
Montana State University,
Bozeman, MT 59717
406-994-2251

This museum on the Montana State University campus houses a planetarium; paleontology, ethnology, and history section; an auditorium; a glass-enclosed courtyard; and objects of historic and cultural importance from the northern Rocky Mountains. Displays include dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs unearthed in Montana, Plains Indian artifacts, pioneer exhibits, Western art and "hands on" exhibits such as a two-story log homestead house, built in 1889 in Willow Creek and moved some 30 miles to the museum site.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.; September - May, Monday - Saturday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday 12:30 - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: one hour each for museum and planetarium. Admission charged.

Outdoor Activities:
BRIDGER BOWL
15795 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-587-2111 (Montana and Canada)
800-223-9609 (nationwide)

Tucked into the mountains just 16 miles northeast of Bozeman, Bridger Bowl ski area offers lots of luxurious powder snow known as "cold smoke" by those who ski it regularly. The variety of terrain is terrific, from steep rock-walled chutes to long, gentle slopes, wide-open powder bowls to knee-deep moguls. Skiers are served by five double chair lifts, three restaurants, a bar, ski school, ski sales and rentals and a ski patrol. New base chalet, bar, day care and food service available.

Open Thanksgiving to mid-April. Special group rates.

Broadus

Location:
Southeast Montana on U.S. Highway 212

Population:
572

Information:
Powder River Commercial Club
Broadus, MT 59317
406-436-2834

Broadus is located just west of the Powder River, whose name was heard worldwide from the American soldiers' yell, "Powder River, let 'er buck." Powder River has been described as a mile wide and an inch deep, too thin to shovel and too thick to drink. But, the river does support both irrigation and recreation.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, ice skating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing.

Attractions:
MAC'S MUSEUM
Broadus High School, Broadus, MT 59317
406-436-2811 or 406-436-2658 or
406-436-2324 (Bob McCurdy)

Mac's Museum is located in the high school building. It contains one of the nation's greatest collections of sea shells, minerals, moths and butterflies, and Indian artifacts, including a display of 4,000 arrow and spear points from every state.

Open Monday - Friday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Tours by appointment. Admission free.

Browning

See BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION

Butte

Location:
Southwest Montana, at junction of I-90 and I-15

Population:
33,336

Information:
Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701
406-494-5595

An insignificant gold camp in 1864, Butte (pronounced b-yoot) almost became a ghost town as its shallow placers played out. But a few hardy prospectors stayed on, and in the early 1870s Butte boomed again with the discovery of large deposits of silver ore. Marcus Daly came to Butte when the rich strikes of 1874 were reported. Instead of silver, he found the richest vein of copper known. The vein was 50 feet wide, and Daly became the head of one of the world's most powerful monopolies, the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. By 1900, the Butte Hill and its huge copper deposits were known as "the richest hill on earth." After a worldwide slump in the copper market shut down mining operations in 1983, Butte citizens bounced back with a "can do" attitude. Mining operations resumed in the East Pit in 1986, the United States High Altitude Sports Center was built in 1987 to help train U.S. Olympic athletes, and Butte was named an "All-America City" in 1988.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

Attractions:
ARTS CHATEAU
321 W. Broadway
P.O. Box 622, Butte, MT 59701
406-723-7600

Built in 1898, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Arts Chateau was originally the home of Charles Clark, eldest son of "Copper King" William Andrews Clark. The stately curved stairway leads guests from the first floor galleries to the second floor period museum and on up to the fourth floor ballroom. Striking stained-glass windows, intricate moldings and the use of woods from throughout the world are an impressive setting for the chateau's many exhibits.

Open September 5 - May 31, Tuesday - Saturday 11 A.M. - 4 PM., Sunday noon - 5 P.M.; June 1 - August 31, Tuesday - Saturday 10 A.M. - 6 PM., Sunday noon - 5 PM. Closed Monday. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission $3.50/adult, $1/child.

Hell Roarin' Gulch, Butte *Travel Montana*

COPPER KING MANSION
219 W. Granite St., Butte, MT 59701
406-782-7580

From the intimate billiard room to the 62-foot-long ballroom, this 32-room red brick mansion typifies Victorian elegance. Built by Senator William A. Clark, its many rooms have frescoed walls, and ceilings paneled and trimmed with many fine woods. The mansion is available for tours, private parties, receptions, meetings and teas.

Open daily, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Guided tour lasts 45 minutes. Group admission $3.50/adult.

MINERAL MUSEUM
Montana Tech Campus on West Park Street
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte, MT 59701
406-496-4414

Approximately 1,300 specimens are on display including the largest Montana gold nugget found in 80 years, spectacular fluorescent minerals, Brazilian amethyst geodes and outstanding specimens from famous world localities.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. The remainder of the year, Monday - Friday 8 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday 1 - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

WORLD MUSEUM OF MINING AND HELL ROARIN' GULCH
West Park and Granite Street
P.O. Box 3333, Butte, MT 59702
406-723-7211

This unique attraction features unusual indoor and outdoor exhibits containing thousands of articles common to the mines and miners' way of life. Hell Roarin' Gulch is a reconstructed turn-of-the-century mining camp with cobblestone streets. Buildings include a general store, assay office, saloon, drug store and soda fountain, and many more.

Open June - Labor Day, daily 9 A.M. - 9 P.M. Rest of the year, Tuesday - Sunday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Closed Monday. Closed mid-November - March. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free.

Outdoor Activities:

BERKELEY OPEN PIT MINE
Continental Drive
c/o Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701
406-494-5595

Prior to the suspension of mining operations in 1983, the Berkeley Mine was the largest truck-operated pit mine in the United States. Present-day visitors to Butte can view the mine from a platform located above it. A recorded message at the viewing site explains the mining operations which occurred at the site.

Platform is open daily 8 A.M. - 9 P.M., year-round with exception of bad weather. Minimum time: 15 minutes. Admission free.

BUTTE CITY TOURS
1919 S. Idaho, Butte, MT 59701
406-782-2074

Interpretive 1 1/2-hour tours of "The Richest Hill on Earth" daily at 9 and 11 A.M., 1, 3 and 6 P.M., May 15 - September 15. Enclosed window vehicle can hold 14 passengers. Reservations suggested.

NEVERSWEAT AND WASHOE RAILROAD
305 W. Mercury, Butte, MT 59701
406-723-8343

A renovated 1926 M-10 trouble-shooting railcar carries passengers from the World Museum of Mining to the Kelly Mine, the last operating underground mine in Butte. The bright red and yellow train car travels approximately six miles round trip, moving past headframes still standing in several mines. Passengers view panoramas of the Summit Valley and the city of Butte while a guide explains the city sights and history. Tours Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Tour lasts one hour. Group admission $3/person.

OLD NO. 1 TROLLEY
c/o Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701
406-494-5595

Hop on this replica of an early-day streetcar for a tour of uptown and downtown historic Butte. The trolley can accommodate 30-35 passengers for a 90-minute tour.

Memorial Day - Labor Day, tour departs from the Chamber of Commerce office four times daily, 10:30 A.M., 1:30 P.M., 3:30 P.M., 7:00 P.M. Special tours can be arranged year-round. Step-on guide service available. Admission $4/adult, $2.50/ages 4-12, 3 and under free.

OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES
East Ridge overlooking Butte
434 N. Main St., P.O. Box 668
Butte, MT 59703
406-782-1221
800-800-LADY

A 90-foot statue in the likeness of Mary, Mother of Jesus, sits atop the Continental Divide overlooking Butte. The 80-ton statue was built entirely by volunteer work and donations. Completed in 1985, it is dedicated to women everywhere, especially mothers. The statue, lighted and visible at night, is a spectacular sight to behold.

Information center open year-round. Tours available May - September. Open winter, Monday - Saturday, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.; summer, daily 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Minimum time: 2 1/2 hours. Admission charged.

Choteau

Location:
55 miles northwest of Great Falls, at junction of U.S. Highways 89 and 287.

Population:
1,741

Information:
Choteau Chamber of Commerce
Rt. 2, Box 256, Choteau, MT 59422
406-466-5897

This small agricultural community began as a trading post in the 1870s. It was named for Pierre Chouteau, Jr., president of the American Fur Company, who brought the first steamboat up the Missouri River.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, resort cabins, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing, and snowmobiling.

Attractions:
TETON TRAIL VILLAGE
800 Main Ave. N.
P.O. Box 919, Choteau, MT 59422
406-466-5332 or 406-469-2314

This group of historic buildings houses an old-fashioned ice cream parlor, antique shop, dinosaur store, western artifact and jewelry store, Montana handcrafts shop and a museum. The Old Trail Museum was dubbed the "home of the baby dinosaurs" after a staff member discovered the first-ever fossil remains of 17 baby duckbill dinosaurs in a nest near Choteau. Museum displays include genuine dinosaur bones, Indian artifacts, homesteader items, war memorabilia and a fossil-preparation room. Hands-on workshops, dinosaur/history seminars available.

Museum open year-round, 9 A.M. - 6 P.M. Special group tours. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission free, donations accepted.

Outdoor Activities:
EGG MOUNTAIN
Museum of the Rockies
c/o Montana State University
Bozeman, MT 59717
406-994-2251

Twelve miles west of Choteau, the site has yielded more information about dinosaur biology during the late Cretaceous period than any other paleontology dig in the world. Dinosaur eggs, egg shell fragments, nests and babies were discovered for the first time in North America. Week-long courses in paleontology and short two-day courses available through the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy.

Public access tours available at 2 P.M. daily during the summer months.

PINE BUTTE SWAMP PRESERVE
HC 58, P.O. Box 34B
Choteau, MT 59422
406-466-5526

A unique slice of the American West, Pine Butte Swamp Preserve is a treasury of natural and cultural history, undisturbed and protected. Stories of glaciers, Indians, homesteaders, ancient creatures, endangered animals and rare plants unfold for the visitor on the 18,000-acre Nature Conservancy Preserve along the eastern front of the Rockies. Public access without permission is allowed only at the informational kiosk on the Bellview cut-across road. Hiking and hunting are allowed on the preserve on a limited basis. Educational tours for groups can be arranged. Weeklong and overnight stays available with lodging and food at the Pine Butte Guest Ranch (406-466-2158).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI
P.O. Box 59 Choteau, MT 59422
800-247-5747

Twenty-eight miles west of Choteau at Teton Pass is Rocky Mountain Hi ski area - "The Affordable Family Ski Area." A modern high-capacity double chairlift carries 1,000 skiers per hour to the top where the skier can select groomed or powder runs. A poma platter-pull lift and Mighty Mite, ski shop, day lodge and ski school are available.

Columbia Falls

MONTANA SUPERHOST

Location:
17 miles west of Glacier National Park on U.S. Highway 2

Population:
2,942

Information:
Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 312, Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-892-2072

Columbia Falls is located at the majestic entrance to Badrock Canyon and is the incorporated community nearest Glacier National Park's west entrance and Hungry Horse Dam. The prime industries are Plum Creek Lumber and other smaller mills, and C-Fac aluminum plant.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, a waterslide, maze, buffalo barbecues, square dances, and miniature golf.

Attractions:
HOUSE OF MYSTERY
7800 U.S. Highway 2 East,
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-892-1210

One of the few areas in the world where the natural laws of physics are bent, if not broken altogether. Montana's only vortex. Large gift shop, antiques and snacks.

Open April - November, daily 9 A.M. - dusk. Minimum time: 20 minutes. Admission $3/adult, $2/child 6-12, 5 and under free.

MONTANA CARRIAGE COMPANY
7457 U.S. Highway 2 East
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-892-3133

Builders of high grade horse-drawn vehicles such as carts, buggies and sleighs, Montana Carriage Company is dedicated to preserving the driving horse industry. Tours welcome.

NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE MUSEUM
10780 Highway 2 East, Coram, MT 59913
P.O. Box 5240, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-387-4018
406-752-6207 (off-season)

Located five miles from West Glacier, this museum houses 80 life-size animal exhibits including some albinos.

Open May 1 - October 31, daily 9 A.M. - 7 P.M.; June 15 - August 31, 9 A.M. - 9 P.M. Minimum time: 20 minutes.
Group admission $1/person.

Outdoor Activities:

HUNGRY HORSE DAM
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
P.O. Box 910130, Hungry Horse, MT 59919
406-387-5241, ext. 342

Federal dam located between Columbia Falls and Glacier National Park. Special guided tour of this hydro-electric power plant can be arranged. Tour begins at the top of the dam and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, 9:30 A.M. - 6 P.M. Self-guided tours from 9:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Admission free.

Culbertson

Location:

Northeast Montana at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Montana 16

Population:

796

Information:

Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 639, Culbertson, MT 59218
406-787-5821

Culbertson is a small agricultural town in northeast Montana. It was born on the prairie in 1887 with the arrival of the railroad. Horse ranching to provide cavalry units for military posts along the Missouri River was followed by large-scale cattle ranching and homesteading. In recent years, the economic mainstays of grain and cattle have been augmented with oil production, feed manufacturing and seed processing.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, river floats, fishing, hunting, boating, ice fishing, cross-country skiing and ice skating.

Attractions:

CULBERTSON MUSEUM
U.S. Highway 2
P.O. Box 95, Culbertson, MT 59218
406-787-6320

Discover rich and fascinating history at this Old West museum. The museum features displays of antiques, photographs, kitchenware and dental equipment with emphasis on local heritage and history.

Open May 1 - October 1, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free.

Cut Bank

Location:

Northwest Montana, on U.S. Highway 2, east edge of Blackfeet Reservation

Population:

3,329

Information:

Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427
406-873-4041

The town was settled in 1891 when the Great Northern Railroad pushed west to Kalispell. Cut Bank was an early-day cattle empire. The population jumped from 845 in 1939 to 4,539 in 1960 when oil and gas fields were discovered. Cattle and grain continue to be a mainstay in the economy of Cut Bank.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, golf and cross-country skiing.

Attractions:

GLACIER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Kevin Highway, Cut Bank, MT 59427
406-873-4904

Unique to the museum are outdoor displays depicting original oil field machinery, early railroad history, 1800s homesteading life and a turn-of-the-century school building.

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 1 - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: one hour. Donation requested.

Deer Lodge

Location:

Southwest Montana on I-90

Population:

3,378

Information:

Powell County Chamber of Commerce
1170 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2094

In the 1850s, Johnny Grant settled in the Deer Lodge Valley and established what was to become one of the largest ranching operations in the country. Deer Lodge was also selected as the site for the Montana Territorial Prison, which opened its doors in 1871. The Northern Pacific Railroad arrived in 1883 and Deer Lodge was the end of the line for immigrants heading west.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, hunting, fishing, golf and snowmobiling.

Attractions:

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH - See MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

OLD MONTANA PRISON
1106 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111

In operation from 1871 to 1979, this site has served as a federal, territorial and finally, a state penitentiary. It is comprised of 12 historic structures, most built by convict labor near the turn of the century, and is surrounded by a high sandstone wall. Tours lead the visitors behind the gray walls, through the massive, ominous cell block, into the chilling cells of maximum security and through other parts of the prison. Some stair-climbing.

Open daily. Summer 8 A.M. - 9 P.M.; winter (November, February, March) 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.; fall/spring (April, May, September, October) 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Closed December and January. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Group admission $4.

OLD MONTANA PRISON THEATRE
1106 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111

This summer theater is located inside the Old Montana Prison, with 166 seats and concessions. Past productions include "The Fantasticks" and "Same Time Next Year."

Performances June - August, Wednesday - Sunday at 8 P.M. Group rates.

POWELL COUNTY MUSEUM
1193 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3294

The museum exhibits include artifacts from Powell County and the surrounding region. New Memorial Art Gallery on the lower level (not accessible to persons with disabilities) features local and statewide art and historic photographs on a rotating basis.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily noon - 5 P.M. Will open facility during off-season for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free, donations accepted.

TOWE FORD MUSEUM
1106 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111

This is the second most complete Ford collection in the world. Here the visitor can trace the development of the automobile from 1903 to the 1960s. There are more than 100 cars on display including two Fordson tractors, a Model A Snowmobile, two fire trucks, a WW II Ford Jeep, two Edsels and a Stanley Steamer. All vehicles are either good originals or authentically restored.

Open daily. Summer 8 A.M. - 9 P.M.; winter (November, February, March) 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.; fall/spring (April, May, September, October) 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Closed December and January. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Group admission $4.

YESTERDAY'S PLAYTHINGS
A DOLL AND TOY MUSEUM
1106 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111

On display in this museum are more than 600 dolls and many toys dating from the 1850s to the present. The dolls are arranged in order of genre, construction and age. All are dressed in original clothing or accurate reproductions. Included in the collection are Madame Alexander dolls, artist dolls, ethnic dolls, advertising dolls, Indian dolls, doll houses and toys of every description and age.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Group admission $1.70.

Old Montana Prison Theatre players *Karla James*

Dillon

Location:
Southwest Montana on I-15, 65 miles south of Butte

Population:
3,391

Information:
Dillon Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 425, Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-5511

Dillon is the seat of Beaverhead County, Montana's largest county. Dillon began as an important shipping point from Utah to the gold fields of Montana. The Utah and Northern Railroad reached Dillon in the fall of 1880, but the town was named for the president of the Union Pacific Railroad, Sidney V. Dillon. Sheep were introduced to this rich agricultural valley in 1869, and at one time Dillon was the largest wool shipping point in Montana. The first cattle were brought to the valley in 1865 and they, too, have played a major role in Dillon's development. The Montana Normal College was established in Dillon in 1892 and is now called Western Montana College. Dillon celebrates "Montana's biggest weekend" with the annual Jaycee Labor Day Rodeo and Beaverhead County Fair.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include natural hot springs, hikes, resort cabins, hunting, fishing, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

Attractions:

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY MUSEUM
15 S. Montana, Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-5511

The "branded boardwalk" - full of the area's ranch brands, family and business names, and logos - meanders throughout the museum grounds. Indoor and outside exhibits include a homesteader's cabin, mining equipment, and special exhibits/ showings throughout the year. Area information available.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.; September - May, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Admission free, donations accepted.

WESTERN MONTANA COLLEGE GALLERY/MUSEUM
710 S. Atlantic, Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-7126 or 406-683-7011 (message only)

The five-room gallery houses both permanent and traveling collections, student and faculty exhibits and the Seidensticker wildlife collection, a unique display of Asian, African and North American big game trophy animals.

Open winter, Monday - Friday noon - 4 P.M., Tuesday and Thursday evening 7 - 9 P.M., Sunday 1 - 4 P.M.; summer, Monday - Friday 1 - 5 P.M. and 7 - 9 P.M. Closed for school breaks from May 15 - 31, December 15 - January 15 and March 1 - 10. Special group tours by appointment. Minimum time: one-half hour. Admission free.

Outdoor Activities:

BANNACK STATE PARK
Off Secondary Route 278 west of Dillon
4200 Bannack Rd., Dillon, MT 59725
406-834-3413

Bannack was the site of Montana's first major gold discovery in 1862. Abandoned since 1938, Montana's oldest town and first territorial capital is an excellent example of historic frontier camps and mining towns. Most buildings are of wood frame and log construction. All are typical of the frontier boom town era. A walking tour of this ghost town includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's gallows, the Hotel Meade and the Masonic Temple and School. There is a visitor center with interpretive displays and video programs.

Take I-15 south of Dillon to milepost 57, then travel 21 miles northwest on Secondary Route 278. The last few miles of road are unpaved, but in good condition.

Open May 1 - September 30, daylight hours. Minimum time: two hours. Admission $3/vehicle, buses charged 50 cents/person.

Forsyth

Location:

Junction of I-94 and U.S. Highway 12

Population:

2,178

Information:

Forsyth Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 448, Forsyth, MT 59327
406-356-2233

Forsyth, county seat of Rosebud County, is located on the banks of the Yellowstone River. It was named for General James H. Forsyth, the first U.S. Army officer to land by steamer at the site of the present town.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, boating, hunting, fishing and golf.

Attractions:

COLSTRIP VISITOR CENTER
35 miles south of Forsyth
6200 Main St., P.O. Box 1080
Colstrip, MT 59323
406-748-3746

The visitor center has video presentations of the Rosebud surface coal mine, Colstrip power generating plants and the Colstrip town site. There are regularly scheduled tours of the Rosebud Mine.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, 8 A.M. - 6 P.M.; winter, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. Group tours welcome, but must provide their own transportation. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Admission free.

ROSEBUD COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM
1300 Main St.
P.O. Box 419, Forsyth, MT 59327
406-356-7977

The museum offers a glimpse of the past through displays of historical photos and items used by area settlers.

Open May 1 - 15, daily, 1 - 7 P.M.; May 15 - September 15, Monday - Saturday 9 A.M. - 7 P.M., Sunday 1 - 7 P.M.

Fort Benton

SUPERHOST

Location:

42 miles northeast of Great Falls on U.S. Highway 87

Population:

1,660

Information:

Fort Benton Community Improvement Association
P.O. Box 313, Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-5494

Fort Benton's significance in the early settlement of Montana is immeasurable. No other town played such a prominent role in the opening of the Northwest from 1860-1887. As a trading post, military fort and head of steamboat navigation, Fort Benton was an important overland connection.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include river floats, hunting, fishing and golf.

Attractions:

CHOUTEAU COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
P.O. Box 279, Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-739-4414 or 406-622-3351 or 406-622-5166

Community concert series of performing arts at the Old Fort Park in summer. At the school auditorium - The Grizzlies, January 13, 1993, 7:30 P.M.; Special Consensus, March 2, 1993, 7:30 P.M. Season runs August 1992 - March 1993. Minimum time: two hours. Admission charged.

MONTANA AGRICULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM OF THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS
c/o John Lepley
Front St., Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3278 or 406-622-5133

The official museum of agriculture for the state of Montana depicts the way of life, farming methods and changes in equipment through three generations of farmers on the Northern Plains. Also displayed is a main street from the 1920s.

Open May 15 - September 15, daily 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Admission charged.

MUSEUM OF THE UPPER MISSOURI
c/o John Lepley
Front St., Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3278 or 406-622-5133

Fort Benton was a busy river port and a hub of trails which led to the northwest United States and into western Canada. The museum traces area history from early Native Americans to 1900, when railroads arrived and open-range cattle business came to an end.

Open May 15 - September 15, daily 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Admission charged.

Bison *Travel Montana*

Outdoor Activities:

LEWIS AND CLARK MEMORIAL
c/o John Lepley
817 Main St., Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3278

This life-size sculpture of Lewis and Clark, Sacajawea and her papoose, by Montana artist Bob Scriver, overlooks the Missouri River. A tour of the memorial explains the project, the sculpture and the history and significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This official state memorial to Lewis and Clark is available to see all year. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT WALKING TOUR
c/o John Lepley
817 Main St., Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3278

Walk along the historic steamboat levee and enjoy both exteriors and interiors of buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. Included are St. Paul's Church, the I.G. Baker residence, the Chouteau County Courthouse and the old firehouse. Free self-guided tour brochures available at many downtown businesses.

Gardiner

Location:

North entrance to Yellowstone National Park on U.S. Highway 89

Population:

600

Information:

Gardiner Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 81, Gardiner, MT 59030
406-848-7971

President Theodore Roosevelt visited Gardiner in 1903 to dedicate the arch made of basaltic rock through which travelers could go on their way to the "Yellowstone Wonderland." The arch is inscribed with the words, "For the Benefit and Enjoyment of All People," a quote taken from the Congressional Act which made Yellowstone a national park in 1872. At one time the Northern Pacific Railroad brought visitors to Gardiner where they could meet the stagecoaches that would carry them throughout the park. Today, Gardiner is open year-round.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
See MAIN ATTRACTIONS

Glasgow

Location:

Northeast Montana on U.S. Highway 2, north of Fort Peck Lake

Population:

3,572

Information:

Glasgow Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 832, Glasgow, MT 59230
406-228-2222

Established in 1887 during the building of the Great Northern Railroad, Glasgow was named in honor of Glasgow, Scotland. The sleepy little shipping station for cattle, sheep and grain woke up when construction began on Fort Peck Dam in 1933. The Glasgow Air Force Base was an important part of the community from 1955-1968.

The town of Fort Peck, planned and built by government engineers, is located 18 miles south of Glasgow.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hayrides, natural hot springs, boating, resort cabins, hunting, fishing, horseback rides and golf.

Attractions:

FORT PECK DAM AND MUSEUM
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 208, Fort Peck, MT 59223
406-526-3411

Fort Peck Dam is one of the world's oldest and largest hydraulic earthfill dams–an earthen structure that stretches across the Missouri from bluff to bluff, a distance of more than four miles. Fort Peck Lake has a shoreline of more than 1,600 miles. The museum at the power plant site includes fossils of dinosaurs, armored fishes and swimming reptiles, as well as artifacts from old Fort Peck.

Museum open Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Guided tours of power plant leave on the hour and last one hour. Maximum of 20 persons per tour. Admission free.

FORT PECK SUMMER THEATRE
Montana 24, Fort Peck
P.O. Box 973, Glasgow, MT 59230
406-228-9291

Performances are held in the historic Fort Peck Theatre June - August, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at 8 P.M. Past performances include "Oklahoma!" and "Fiddler on the Roof."

VALLEY COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM
Highway 2 West, Glasgow, MT 59230
406-228-8692

The Valley County Pioneer Museum focuses on its theme, "From Dinosaur Bones to Moon Walk," in a progressive arrangement of historical material throughout the museum. It features one of the few remaining original hide tipis and the finest Indian artifacts display anywhere. A machinery collection is displayed outside the museum. Dioramas by local artist Georgia Montfort depict "The Last Hunt," "Naming of the Milk River" and "Old Fort Peck." Not to be missed is the Stan Kalinski Wildlife Collection and Historical Bar.

Open June 1 - September 15, 9 A.M. - 9 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free.

Glendive

SUPERHOST!

Location:

35 miles west of North Dakota on I-94

Population:

4,802

Information:

Glendive Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 930, Glendive, MT 59330
406-365-5601

Glendive is the trading and shipping center of an area that produces sugar beets, grain and forage crops. Energy exploration and development is a growing force in Glendive's economy.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, river floats, hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing, golf, agate hunting and paddlefishing.

Attractions:

FRONTIER GATEWAY MUSEUM
Exit 215 off I-94 on Belle Prairie Frontage Road
P.O. Box 1186, Glendive, MT 59330
406-365-8168

Prehistoric through 20th century life is displayed in this museum complex, which consists of seven buildings, including a blacksmith shop and fire hall. Murals and major displays show fossils, homesteader life, railroad paraphernalia and farm machinery.

Badlands near Glendive *Donnie Sexton*

Open June - August, Monday - Saturday 9 A.M. - noon and 1 - 5 P.M., Sunday and holidays 1 - 5 P.M. Guided tours available. Admission free, donations accepted.

Outdoor Activities:

MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK
Three miles SE of Glendive off I-94
c/o Glendive Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 930, Glendive, MT 59330
406-365-5601

Picturesque formations sculpted by wind and water can be seen from turnouts which overlook a broad vista of badlands. The deep gorges, rugged cliffs, haystack buttes, spires and "toadstool" formations resulted from millions of years of erosion. The Sioux Indians called this place Makoshika (pronounced ma-KO-shi-ka), meaning "bad earth" or "bad land." Many fossils have been found in the Makoshika badlands. More than 10 species of dinosaurs, including the flesh-eating Tyrannosaurus rex, have been identified.

Open April - November, daily, daylight hours. Minimum time: one hour. Daily entrance fee.

Great Falls

SUPERHOST!

Location:

West-central Montana at junction of I-15 and U.S. Highways 87 and 89

Population:

55,097

Information:

Great Falls Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2127, Great Falls, MT 59403
406-761-4434

Known as the "Electric City" because of its numerous dams and power plants, Great Falls is Montana's second largest city and a thriving community. Great Falls was an important stop for Lewis and Clark who, in 1805, discovered and named the Great Falls of the Missouri about 12 miles downriver from the city. It was here, too, that famed Western artist Charles M. Russell chose to live and work. Today, Great Falls is the site of Malmstrom Air Force Base, the center of our nation's first Minuteman Missile complex. Located in the center of some of Montana's largest wheat farms, agriculture also plays an important role in this community. Major events that draw visitors to Great Falls are the PRCA Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo in January, the C.M. Russell Auction of Original Western Art in March and the State Fair in July.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, river floats, hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing and golf.

Attractions:

C. M. RUSSELL MUSEUM COMPLEX
400 13th St. N., Great Falls, MT 59401
406-727-8787

View one of the nation's finest collections of Western art and history in spacious, modern surroundings. The Trigg collection is the nucleus of the museum's permanent Russell acquisitions. Highly personal and unique, it shows the wide scope of Russell's works and talents. Some of the most popular exhibits are his illustrated letters, which feature Russell's original spelling, entertaining illustrations and down-to-earth humor and philosophy. Besides Russell's oils, watercolors, sketches and bronzes, the museum has outstanding pieces from Russell contemporaries: Seltzer, Sharp, Heikka, Couse and others. The museum shop offers many unique gifts such as jewelry, Russell prints and fine Western books. The complex also includes the former home and log cabin studio of Montana's famous cowboy artist. Preserved as it was in the early 1900s, the studio includes displays of Russell memorabilia.

Open May 1 - September 30, Monday - Saturday 9 A.M. - 6 P.M., Sunday 1 - 5 P.M.; winter, Tuesday - Saturday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday 1 - 5 P.M. Group tours by appointment. Group admission $2/person.

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE MUSEUM AND AIR PARK
East end of 2nd Avenue North
606 Beth Dr., Great Falls, MT 59405
406-761-5922

Malmstrom Air Force Base was established in 1942. The museum explains the history of the base, from its role in World War II to its role as the center of our nation's first Minuteman Missile complex. Displays at the air park include a "Huey" helicopter, a Stratotanker used for in-flight refueling, a Minuteman inter-continental ballistic missile and many aircraft used as fighters and bombers.

Open summer, Monday - Saturday, spring and fall, Monday - Friday and winter, Monday/Wednesday/Friday from noon - 3 P.M. Admission free.

MONTANA COWBOYS' ASSOCIATION MUSEUM
311 3rd St. NW, Great Falls, MT 59401
406-761-9299

The Cowboys' Museum takes a real look at what Montana was like during the days of those unsung heroes–the cowboys, stockmen and pioneers. The museum is an authentic log cabin with double fireplaces and hitching posts. Inside it is filled with Old West relics–branding irons, rawhide ropes, ox yokes. More than 500 mementos are on display.

Open daily 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. except Christmas and Thanksgiving. Admission free.

PARIS GIBSON SQUARE MUSEUM OF ART
1400 1st Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401
406-727-8255

Named for the founder of Great Falls and originally built in 1895 as a high school, this beautiful building, constructed from sandstone quarried near Helena, is designated as a National Historic Landmark. A visit must include a tour of its interior to appreciate the Carolina Oak wainscotting, ornate brass door fixtures and hardwood floors. The museum is the second largest museum dedicated to contemporary art in Montana and also houses the Cascade County Historical Society, Genealogy Society of Great Falls library, Conservatory Museum Restaurant and Emporium Museum Gift Shop.

Open summer, Monday - Friday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., Tuesday evening 7 - 9 P.M., weekends noon - 5 P.M.; closed Monday in winter. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free, donations accepted.

URSULINE CENTRE/ACADEMY
2300 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59401
406-452-8585

Built in the early 1900s, this center once served as a boarding house for girls as well as a convent for the Ursuline Catholic Sisters. Now open to the public, visitors can relive 100 years of the Indian missions in Montana by viewing the religious murals, chapel, artifacts and antiques. Named to the National Historic Register in 1991, the center offers a gift shop and guide service for groups. Afternoon tea service can be arranged. Reservations must be made one month in advance for all visits to the Academy.

Open year-round 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Minimum time: one hour. Admission $2 for tour, $3 for tour and snacks.

Outdoor Activities:

GIANT SPRINGS HERITAGE STATE PARK
four miles NE of Great Falls on
Missouri River Drive
4600 Giant Springs Road
P. O. Box 6610
Great Falls, MT 59406
406-454-3441

Giant Springs is the largest freshwater springs in the world. First discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, the springs flow at a measured rate of 316,300,000 gallons every 24 hours - a veritable underground river. Lovely picnic grounds and a state fish hatchery are adjacent to this attractive site, where the Roe River is listed in the Guiness Book of Records as the world's shortest river.

Open daily year-round. Minimum time: one-half hour. Admission $3/vehicle, buses charged 50 cents/person.

GREAT FALLS OF THE MISSOURI

Many visitors to the city ask, "Where are the Great Falls?" There are actually several waterfalls on the Missouri. The "Great Falls" are now the site of Ryan Dam. Take U.S. Highway 87 north from Great Falls and follow the signs to Ryan Dam. The dam is operated by Montana Power Company and arrangements can be made to use their clubhouse facility and outdoor picnic area. Crooked Falls and Rainbow Falls remain almost in their original state and can be viewed from River Drive just outside the city. Black Eagle Falls can be seen from River Drive en route to Giant Springs Heritage State Park.

Hamilton

See BITTERROOT VALLEY

Hardin

Location:

43 miles southeast of Billings on I-90.

Population:

2,940

Information:

Hardin Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
Rt. 1, Box 1206A, Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1672

Located where the Bighorn and Little Bighorn rivers converge on the edge of the Crow Indian Reservation, Hardin is the county seat of Big Horn County. The town is surrounded by productive ranches and farms, including the largest wheat farm in the world. Coal mining has also contributed greatly to the local economy.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include boating, river floats, hunting, fishing and golf.

Attractions:

BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER
I-90, Exit 497
Rt. 1, Box 1206A, Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1672

The museum buildings include a 1911 farmhouse, a log cabin, barn and blacksmith shop, country store and post office, railroad depot and a church. Displays include exhibits of the cultural past and the military involvement in the area. The air conditioned visitor center contains a

Little Bighorn Battlefield *Donnie Sexton*

wide selection of books pertaining to area history and many gift items.

Open June - August, Monday - Saturday 9 A.M. - 8 P.M., Sunday 9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.; September - May, Monday - Saturday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Closed Sunday. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free.

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT
See MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Outdoor Activities:

RENDEZVOUS
212 N. Center, Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1976

Grassy amphitheater seating with western creekside exposure. Tipis in the area available for rent. Eighty-acre tent area. Magpie Traveling Players perform nightly shows on General Custer at the visitor center.

Performances June 15 - September 1 at 8 P.M. Minimum time: one hour and 20 minutes. Admission $5/adult (10 or more), $2.50/child.

Havre

Location:

North-central Montana on U.S. Highway 2

Population:

10,201

Information:

Havre Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 308, Havre, MT 59501
406-265-9913

Founded in 1891, Havre (pronounced HAV-er) was one of the "cow towns" of the Old West. Cowboys from the big cattle outfits in the area used it as a trading center and a place to "hole up" for the winter. Today, Havre is the home of Northern Montana College and is an important commercial center on the Hi-Line. Self-guided walking tours of historic sites in downtown Havre are available from the Chamber of Commerce.

Attractions:

H. EARL CLACK MEMORIAL MUSEUM
U.S. Highway 2 west of Havre
P.O. Box 1675, Havre, MT 59501
406-265-9913

Located on the Hill County Fairgrounds, just west of Havre, the H. Earl Clack Museum gives an accurate picture of the history and development of Havre and the Hi-Line area. The museum features an archaeological excavation of a buffalo jump site and a follow-up to the buffalo kill, explaining it in detail. Four dioramas grace the museum, one by the nationally known artist, Bob Scriver of Browning. Tours of the buffalo jump and butchering area are given Tuesday and Thursday at 7 P.M.

Open May 15 - September 15, daily 9 A.M. - 9 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

Helena

Location:

Western Montana at junction of I-15 and U.S Highway 12

Population:

24,569

Information:

Helena Chamber of Commerce
201 E. Lyndale, Helena, MT 59601
406-442-4120 or 800-7-HELENA

Helena (pronounced HEL-ah-na) owes its existence to the gold discoveries in Last Chance Gulch by four prospectors in the summer of 1864. The discovery of placer gold, quartz gold and silver, as well as lead, created an overnight boom town. In 1875, Helena became the capital of Montana Territory. When Montana became a state, the fight for location of the state capital pitted "Copper King" Marcus Daly of Anaconda against rival William A. Clark, who supported Helena. Helena won, and in October 1898, ground was broken for the new Capitol. Helena, still the seat of Montana's state government, is famous for more than government and politics. Every year, visitors are drawn by the Last Chance Stampede and Fair, the Western Rendezvous of Art, the Jazz Festival and Oktoberfest.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include natural hot springs, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, digging for sapphires, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing, and snowmobiling.

Attractions:

CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA
Corner of Lawrence and Warren streets
530 N. Ewing St., Helena, MT 59601
406-442-5825

The Cathedral of St. Helena was constructed at the turn of the century during the episcopate of Bishop John Carroll. It is an outstanding example of decorated, or geometrical Gothic architecture, patterned after the church of the Sacred Heart in Vienna, Austria. Stained glass windows, white marble altars, statues and genuine gold leaf decorate the sanctuary. Outside, majestic twin spires rise 230 feet above the street.

Open year-round, daily 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Tours given Monday and Friday noon - 1 P.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Daily masses during the summer at 5:20 P.M. in Day Chapel. Pre-arranged guided tours take one hour, $10 donation requested.

FRONTIER TOWN
15 miles west of Helena on
U.S. Highway 12
P.O. Box 836, Helena, MT 59624
406-442-4560

This authentic log and rock village, sitting high atop the Continental Divide, is furnished with real objects of the frontier. Inside the main building is a gift shop, bar and dining room. The furniture is all handmade from logs held together with wooden pegs. The bar itself is constructed from a single Douglas-fir log more than 50 feet long and originally weighing some six tons. The dining room, with its mammoth fireplace, capped by a 50,000-pound mantle rock, can easily accommodate bus tours for a meal stop, with advance reservations.

Open April - October, daily 9 A.M. - 10 P.M. Special tours can be arranged for groups. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission $3. Frontier Town coin redeemable for its full value in the gift shop, bar or dining room.

GRANDSTREET THEATER
325 N. Park Ave.
P.O. Box 1258, Helena, MT 59624
406-442-4270 (business office)
406-443-3311 (reservations)

Grandstreet Theater is an amateur year-round community theater dedicated to establishing and maintaining standards of artistic excellence in the Helena community by producing live theatrical entertainment. Seven fully-staged productions are offered each season in the historic theater. Discount packages on group tickets. Special tours for groups.

Curtain time at 8 P.M. Thursday - Saturday.

HOLTER MUSEUM OF ART
12 E. Lawrence St., Helena, MT 59601
406-442-6400

The Holter presents a program of visual arts exhibitions for the education, inspiration and enrichment of the public. Permanent and temporary exhibitions show both contemporary and historic pieces from local, regional, national and international sources.

Open summer, Tuesday - Saturday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday noon - 5 P.M.; winter, Tuesday - Sunday noon - 5 P.M. Closed Monday. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

ORIGINAL GOVERNOR'S MANSION
304 N. Ewing
c/o Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620
406-444-2694

Constructed in 1888 for wealthy industrialist W. A. Chessman, this building served as the Helena home for Montana governors from 1913 to 1959. It contains 20 rooms and seven fireplaces, all restored to turn-of-the-century elegance and furnished with antiques. Tours are conducted on a regular basis and concentrate on the history of the house and its furnishings and also include the mansion's carriage house during warm weather.

Open April 1 - December 31, Tuesday - Sunday noon - 4 P.M. January - March, group tours by appointment only. Public tours hourly, minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission free.

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620
406-444-2694

Founded in 1865, the Montana Historical Society is the state's historical institution. One of the country's most important collections of Charles M. Russell art is on view in the Mackay Gallery; the Haynes Gallery features the life and work of noted frontier photographer F. Jay Haynes; and changing exhibits are presented in the northeast gallery and the lobby. "Montana Homeland," the museum's interpretation of the state's history, opened in 1988. The state archives and historical library are also in the building. A bookstore featuring books on Montana and the West, Charles M. Russell prints and various gift items is located in the lobby area.

Open summer, Monday - Friday 8 A.M. - 6 P.M., weekend and holidays 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.; winter, Monday - Saturday 8 A.M. - 5 P.M., closed Sunday. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free.

REEDER'S ALLEY
121 Reeder's Alley, off South Park Street
P.O. Box 316, Helena, MT 59624
406-449-7545

Reeder's Alley, a brick hostelry built in 1882 for gold miners, is now a block of unique shops housed in the old bachelors' quarters. Included are a visitors center, restaurant, pioneer cabin, small movie theater and shops featuring Made in Montana items, stained glass, leather goods and more.

Shops open 10 A.M. - 8 P.M., restaurant open 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission free.

STATE CAPITOL
Montana Avenue and Sixth Avenue
c/o Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620
406-444-2694

On a gentle slope surrounded by 10 acres of spacious lawns and other state buildings, Montana's Capitol looks north over the beautiful Prickly Pear Valley. The building is constructed of Columbus limestone and granite. A statue depicting Liberty sits atop the copper dome. A walk through the Capitol will allow you to view many beautiful paintings, including Charles M. Russell's magnificent historical depiction of Lewis and Clark meeting the Indians at Ross's Hole on September 5, 1805. The main section of the Capitol was completed in 1902.

Tours conducted early June - Labor Day, hourly. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission free.

Outdoor Activities:

CANYON FERRY STATE PARK
c/o Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
1420 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620
406-444-4720

Canyon Ferry State Park is a 42,000-acre park managed by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. It is a large reservoir that is enjoyed year-round for camping, boating, water skiing, swimming, ice fishing and wildlife watching (bald eagle gathering November - mid-December).

Open daily 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Admission $3/car/day or State Park Pass (available at park entrance, Fish, Wildlife & Parks office or most sporting goods stores in Helena for $15). Tours of Canyon Ferry Dam are available. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS BOAT TOURS
16 miles north of Helena off I-15
P.O. Box 478, Helena, MT 59624
406-458-5241

This area was named by Captain Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805.

Towering cliffs appeared to block the way up the Missouri River. As they neared the cliffs and changed directions, the cliffs seemed to pull apart like a huge gate. This spectacular gorge is reached only by boat or trail. Ninety and 49-passenger excursion boats operate from Hilger Landing and make a stop at the Meriwether Picnic Ground. You may stay at the picnic area and catch another excursion boat back.

Tours operate on a regular schedule from Memorial Day weekend - late September. Charter service available for groups of 20 or more. Minimum time: two hours. Group admission $5/adult, $4/senior.

LAST CHANCER TOUR TRAIN AND LAST CHANCER II
201 E. Lyndale Ave., Helena, MT 59601
406-442-4120

The tour train and open bus feature narrated tours of the city which are informative and entertaining. The tour begins at the Montana Historical Society and covers most of the major points of interest in the city. Carroll College, the Pioneer Cabin, the Old Fire Tower and the elegant 19th century mansions constructed by Helena's wealthy miners and merchants are just a few of the things one can see on this tour. Step-on guides available year round.

Tours operate daily, May - September and depart on the half hour from the Historical Society. Duration of tour: one hour. Group admission $3/adult.

Kalispell

Location:
Northwest Montana at junction of U.S. Highways 2 and 93

Population:
11,917

Information:
Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce, or Flathead Convention and Visitors Association
15 Depot Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901
406-752-6166 (chamber)
406-756-9091 (conventions)
800-543-3105 (U.S. and Canada)

Kalispell, located in the beautiful Flathead Valley, has one of the most diversified economies in Montana. Situated near Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake and The Big Mountain ski area, tourism is big business here. Due to the mild climate and abundant precipitation, the Kalispell area not only produces livestock and grain crops, but also such moisture-loving crops as sweet cherries, seed potatoes, Christmas trees and peppermint. Another important industry is wood products. Kalispell is a lively and friendly town with many festive events throughout the year.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing, and snowmobiling.

Attractions:
HOCKADAY CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Second Avenue East at Third Street
P.O. Box 83, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-755-5268

Housed in a 1902 Carnegie library building, the newly renovated building features rotating national and international exhibits. The Hockaday sponsors many performing arts groups and fairs throughout the year. News of upcoming events and exhibitions available on request.

Open year-round, Tuesday - Friday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., Saturday 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. Special group tours by arrangement. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free, donations accepted.

CONRAD MANSION NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE MUSEUM
Six blocks east of Main on 4th Street
P.O. Box 1041, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-755-2166

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 26-room Norman-style mansion was the home of C.E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River freighter and founder of the city of Kalispell. All rooms furnished in originals. The museum offers the most authentic example of turn-of-the-century living in the Pacific Northwest.

Open May 15 - June 14, 10 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.; June 15 - September 15, 9 A.M. - 8 P.M.; September 16 - October 15, 10 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Minimum time: one hour. Admission $4/adult; $1/child. Group rate $3.20/person for 20 or more people.

Last Chancer Tour Train, Helena *Donnie Sexton*

Laurel

Location:
15 miles west of Billings on I-90

Population:
5,686

Information:
Laurel Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 395, Laurel, MT 59044
406-628-8105

Located at the junction of I-90 and U.S. Highway 212, Laurel serves as one of the gateways to Yellowstone National Park. Many area settlers were of German descent, and in 1973 the residents of Laurel began an annual Herbstfest, after the traditional German celebration. The Chief Joseph Monument on the outskirts of Laurel rests where the famous Nez Perce chief passed, leading his tribe toward Canada in 1877 (see pages 16-17).

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, boating, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, and cross-country and downhill skiing.

Outdoor Activities:
WEAVER'S HORSE WORLD
1506 Thiel Rd., Laurel, MT 59044
406-628-4436

This working horse ranch has many breeds on display. Activities vary from lariat throwing instruction to pitching horse-shoes to hay rides and buggy rides. Facilities for barn dances, barbecues and large convention parties. Group admission $4/person.

Lewistown

Location:
Central Montana at junction of U.S. Highways 87 and 191 and Montana 200

Population:
6,051

Information:
Lewistown Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 818, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-5436

Situated in the geographical center of the state, Lewistown began as a small trading post on the Carroll Trail between Helena and the mouth of the Musselshell River. The Croatians from Bribir near the Adriatic did much of the town's stonework and the high quality interior of the buildings was crafted by Norwegian and other highly skilled workers. Together, they add a distinctive, lasting imprint on the beauty of the town. Today, Lewistown is surrounded by large cattle ranches and wheat farms and is still a major trading center.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, boating, resort cabins, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, gold-panning, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Attractions:
CENTRAL MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
408 E. Main
P.O. Box 818, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-5436

Stories of the famous Charlie Russell, Granville Stuart, James Fergus and Teddy Blue Abbott can be glimpsed and felt by browsing through the Central Montana Historical Society Museum. The rich central Montana history includes the notorious Vigilante Raids of 1884 and the killing of Rattlesnake Jake on July 4, 1884. There are many pictures and mementos of early sheep and cattle ranchers, homesteaders, and gold and coal miners.

Open daily 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. Tours available with advance arrangements. Admission free.

LEWISTOWN ART CENTER
801 W. Broadway, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-8378

Two historical buildings were combined to provide the Lewistown Art Center with three galleries, educational classrooms and a Signature Shop for sale of consignment art from area artists. The exhibits rotate monthly to provide a variety of artistic displays. In addition, the center sponsors a variety of quality performing arts throughout the year.

Open year-round, Tuesday - Saturday 11:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Special group tours. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

Libby

Location:
Extreme northwest Montana at junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Montana 37

Population:
2,532

Information:
Libby Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 704, Libby, MT 59923
406-293-3832

In this mountainous northwest corner of the state, abundant with forests, the lumber industry provides more than half of the employment in the area. A festive event held here each year is Libby Logger Days.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, river floats, hunting, tours of the lumber mill, fishing, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing, and snowmobiling.

Outdoor Activities:
LIBBY DAM PROJECT
17115 Highway 37, Libby, MT 59923
406-293-5577

This multipurpose hydroelectric project spans the Kootenai River and forms 90-mile-long Lake Koocanusa. The lake is named for the first three letters of Kootenai, Canada and U.S.A. A visitor center contains exhibits that describe the construction of the dam, hydropower production and the natural history of the valley, and features a 77-seat auditorium where the award-winning slide production, "Harmony," is shown. The dam site is a good wildlife viewing area. Downstream recreation areas include Dunn Creek, Black Well Flats and Alexander Creek recreation areas, and the Kootenai River. Also, Souse Gulch is a day-use facility adjacent to the dam. Rangers are available for inquiries year-round, Monday - Friday 7:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily 9:30 A.M. - 6 P.M. Call two weeks ahead for guided group tours of the dam and powerhouse. Tours leave from the visitor center and take about one hour, requiring a 1 1/4-mile walk. Mini-tours also available. Admission free.

ROSS CREEK CEDARS SCENIC AREA
Off Montana 56, south of Bull Lake
1437 U.S. Highway 2, Troy, MT 59935
406-295-4693

This 100-acre scenic area is home to a grove of giant, ancient western red cedars. Some of these trees grow up to 12 feet in diameter and 175 feet in height. The largest tree is estimated to be more than 500 years old. A 0.9-mile graveled trail leads through the cedars, and descriptive signing is in place for self-guided tours. The trail is very easy to walk with a flat grade and several cedar foot bridges spanning Ross Creek. Benches are placed along the trail for rest and extended observation. The road into the cedars area is paved, but is narrow and winding.

Open all day, May - November. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free.

Livingston

Location:
50 miles north of Yellowstone National Park on I-90

Population:
6,701

Information:
Livingston Chamber of Commerce
212 W. Park, Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-0850

Livingston had its beginning in 1882, when the railroad arrived. The branch line south to Yellowstone Park carried countless tourists to Gardiner where they boarded a stagecoach into the nation's first national park. Farming and mining were the economic mainstays in the early days; today's industries include fly-tying, lumber manufacturing and locomotive repair. Livingston is also a vacation paradise offering outdoor activities as well as a historic district, museums, art galleries and theater amidst the pristine beauty of five surrounding mountain ranges.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include blue-ribbon fishing, hikes, river floats, hunting, trail rides, dog sled treks and cross-country skiing.

Attractions:

FIREHOUSE 5 PLAYHOUSE
U.S.Highway 89, one-half mile south of Livingston in Sleeping Giant Trade Center
Rt. 62, Box 3110B, Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-1420

This theater combines classic vaudeville in a cozy cabaret-type setting. Summer shows consist of five actors performing songs and skits from many different eras. The theater itself is decorated with firehouse memorabilia, old photos of Yellowstone Park and Livingston, and other turn-of-the-century artifacts.

Open mid-May - mid-October, showtimes Tuesday - Sunday at 8 P.M., Saturday 5 and 8 P.M. Special events scheduled rest of the year. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: two hours. Admission negotiable.

LIVINGSTON DEPOT CENTER
200 W. Park
P.O. Box 1319, Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-2300

The historic Northern Pacific train depot has been restored to its original grandeur to accommodate exhibitions of history and art of the region. Subjects include western history, railroad history and art by national, international and regional artists. The imposing brick structure resembles an Italian villa with its curved colonnade and rich terra-cotta ornament along the track side. The original interior was lavishly decorated with mosaic trim, terrazzo floor and wrought-iron ticket windows. Livingston area Chamber of Commerce is located in the depot complex.

Open mid-May - mid-October, Monday - Saturday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday 1 - 5 P.M., and for special events throughout the year. Other times by appointment. Bus parking on site. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Group rates.

Livingston Depot Center *Donnie Sexton*

PARK COUNTY MUSEUM
118 W. Chinook, Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-3506

This local museum is housed in the former North Side School, built in 1907. Interior and exterior displays include the Bottler

Corner, Pioneer Paraphernalia, Home of Yesteryear, Native Cultures, an original Yellowstone Park stagecoach, a sheep wagon and a Northern Pacific caboose.

Open June 1 - Labor Day, daily noon - 5 P.M. Other times by appointment. Special guided tours for groups. Minimum time: one hour. Admission charged.

LONE WOLF WILDLIFE MUSEUM
Two miles south on U.S. Highway 89
P.O. Box 631, Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-6140

Feaures life-sized displays of North America's big game expertly mounted and posed in exhibits including many record book specimens.

Open summer 8 A.M. - 8 P.M. Admission $3/adult, $2/children 6-12, children under 6 free.

Miles City

Location:
East Montana on I-94 and Montana 59

Population:
8,461

Information:
Miles City Chamber of Commerce
901 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-2890

The cavalry set up camp at the mouth of the Tongue River on the Yellowstone after the 1876 campaign of "rounding up hostile Indians." Their commanding officer was Colonel Nelson A. Miles and this camp was the beginning of Miles City. It soon became a stopping place on the long cattle drives from Texas. As the cattle industry became more important, it was fitting that the Montana Stockgrowers Association was formed here in 1884. The coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1881 pre-determined that Miles City should become, and still is, a leading cattle market. The Range Riders Museum chronicles the colorful history of the area. Miles City is the home of a popular rodeo called the Bucking Horse Sale, held each year in May.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf and snowmobiling.

Attractions:

COFFRIN'S OLD WEST GALLERY
1600 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-3076

This gallery houses the fine collection of photographs by Montana's famous frontier photographer, L. A. Huffman. Huffman came to Montana Territory in 1878 to become post photographer at Fort Keogh, and later opened a studio in Miles City. This collection of photos is a magnificent pictorial history of that era from the last of the Indian Wars through the coming of the railroad and finally the cattlemen.

Open year-round, Monday - Friday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M., Saturday 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

CUSTER COUNTY ART CENTER
Water Plant Road off Highway 10 West
P.O. Box 1284, Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-0635

The Custer County Art Center is located in the former holding tanks of the old Miles City Water Works. The structure, built of reinforced concrete in 1914, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and received the first Governor's Historic Preservation Award for best adaptive re-use of a historic building. Two large exhibition halls accommodate an average of 10 exhibits in the visual arts that are of local, regional, national and international scope. Special lectures, demonstrations and workshops take place throughout the year. The Art Center is located in a park setting adjacent to the Yellowstone River.

Open February - December, Tuesday - Sunday 1 - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes, if no special activities are planned. Admission free.

RANGE RIDERS MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL HALL
Old Highway 10 West, Exit 135 off I-94
P.O. Box 730, Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-4483

This museum occupies the site of an old Army cantonment built in 1876. Housed here is one of the finest collections of cattle and cowboy lore to be found anywhere. Exhibits include a Fort Keogh replica, a carriage house with horse-drawn vehicles, a reproduced main street of old Milestown, a homestead log house, gun collection and cowboy artifacts.

Open April - October, daily 8 A.M. - 8 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: two hours. Admission $3.50/adult.

Range Riders Museum, Miles City *Donnie Sexton*

Missoula

Location:
West Montana on I-90 at junction of U.S. Highway 93

Population:
42,918

Information:
Missoula Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 7577, Missoula, MT 59807
406-543-6623 or 800-526-3465

Missoula, at the mouth of Hellgate Canyon, straddles the route the Salish Indians traveled to reach the Great Plains to hunt buffalo. Lewis and Clark later followed the same route through the canyon and camped west of its entrance on the site of present day Missoula. Situated on the banks of the Clark Fork River, Missoula is home to the University of Montana. This 10,000 student campus includes the 22,000-acre Lubrecht Experimental Forest, northeast of the city. Missoula is known as the cultural, retail and medical hub of western Montana. Montana Snowbowl and Marshall ski areas provide winter recreation nearby as well as summer chairlift rides. Missoula celebrates several major events, including the International Wildlife Film Festival in April, Valley Oop! and International Choral Festival in July, United People's Powwow and Encampment and Western Montana Fair in August.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include historic trolley tours, hayrides, natural hot springs, hikes, river floats, whitewater rafting, hunting, fishing, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing, and snowmobiling.

Attractions:
AERIAL FIRE DEPOT AND SMOKEJUMPER CENTER
U.S. Highway 93, 1/2 mile west of the airport
P.O. Box 6, Airport Terminal
Missoula, MT 59802
406-329-4934

Smokejumpers are highly trained specialists who parachute into remote areas of national forest to fight the spread of wildfires. The nation's largest training base for smokejumpers is located in Missoula. The visitor center at the Depot offers updated displays, dioramas and videos related to fire suppression. Guided tours are given of the parachute loft and training facilities.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, 8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. Duration of tour: 45 minutes to one hour. Minimum time to visit depot without tour: 20 minutes. Admission free, donations accepted.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA
South Avenue one mile west of Reserve St.
Building 322, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59801
406-728-3476

The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula is located on 32 acres at the core of what was historic Fort Missoula (1877-1947). The museum presents the history of Missoula County and western Montana. The site has 12 historic structures including a restored one-room schoolhouse and a Forest Service lookout. The sales shop features Made in Montana products. Festivals are held on July 4 and in October. Special programs held year-round.

Open Tuesday - Sunday noon - 5 P.M. Summer hours, Tuesday - Saturday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday noon - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: one hour. Group admission $1/adult.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER
2291 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802
406-523-4545

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is an international wildlife conservation organization with members in all 50 states and more than 20 foreign countries. The national headquarters is located in Missoula and is home to a beautiful Wildlife Visitor Center housing a magnificent collection of wildlife displays, world record elk mounts, wildlife art and gifts. The Visitor Center truly captures the spirit of elk country.

Open seven days a week. Scheduled tours available. Admission free.

Outdoor Activities:
DISCOVER MISSOULA MONTANA
Old train station, north end Higgins Ave.
P.O. Box 7755, Missoula, MT 59807
406-721-0245

Motorized 41-passenger trolley-train tours of historic downtown Missoula. Highlights are the St. Francis Xavier Church (stained glass/murals), County Courthouse (Paxson murals/Native American), Missoula Museum of the Arts, Wilma Theatre, Higgins Block, East Pine Street (historic residential) and more. Accurate and entertaining descriptions of Missoula's past and present.

Tours June 1 - October 31, Monday - Saturday 11 A.M., 2 P.M., 5 P.M., 10 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Group admission $6/person, $1/person for 15-minute ride.

HISTORIC NINEMILE REMOUNT DEPOT VISITOR CENTER
22 miles west of Missoula on I-90, then fourmiles north at Exit 82
P.O. Box 616, Huson, MT 59846
406-626-5201

The center provides a historic journey to the days of early firefighting in the rugged northern Rockies. From 1930 to 1953 the depot supplied packers and pack animals for fighting fires and for backcountry work. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the complex looks much as it did in the '30s when the Civilian Conservation Corps constructed its Cape Cod-style buildings. Guided or self-guided tours.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Admission free.

MONTANA SNOWBOWL SKI AND SUMMER RESORT
1700 Snowbowl Rd.
P.O. Box 8226, Missoula, MT 59807
406-549-9777

Boasting Montana's greatest skiable vertical drop of 2,600 feet, Snowbowl is known in the winter for some of the most exciting and challenging ski runs in North America. Summer visitors enjoy spectacular

scenery from the sky rides on the chairlift, miles of mountain bike and hiking trails, an orienteering course, and wildflower and wildlife viewing. Facilities on the mountain include the Last Run Saloon, Double Diamond Cafe, day care, rental and accessory shop, ski school and mid-mountain Grizzly Chalet.

PANGAEA EXPEDITIONS
180 S. 3rd W.
P.O. Box 5753, Missoula, MT 59806
406-721-7719

Raft trips on the Blackfoot and Clark Fork rivers. Mild float trips or wild whitewater trips. Full-day trips include lunch, half-day float trips or one-hour evening float trips include wine and cheese.

May 15 - October 15. Minimum time: two hours. $40/full-day, $25/half-day.

Polson

Location:
South shore of Flathead Lake on U.S. Highway 93

Population:
3,283

Information:
Polson Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 677, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-5969

Polson is located in a natural amphitheater at the south end of Flathead Lake. This charming lakeside community is the trading center for one of Montana's most fertile farming areas. The Cherry Festival and Montana Fiddlers' Championships are held here annually.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf and cross-country and downhill skiing.

Attractions:
MIRACLE OF AMERICA MUSEUM
58176 U.S. Highway 93, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-6804

This is a pioneer, patriotic and military museum. Displays feature Indian artifacts, cars, motorcycles, boats, trucks, guns, horse-drawn vehicles, sleighs, snowmobiles, fire equipment, military memorabilia, logging tools, a carpentry and blacksmith shop, toys, sculptures, musical instruments, vintage clothing, homestead items and the Paul Bunyan, a 65-foot Flathead Lake logging boat.

Open daily, September - May
8 A.M. - 5 P.M., June - August 7 A.M. - 7 P.M.
Group tours by request. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Admission $2/person.

NATIONAL BISON RANGE
30 miles south of Polson
off U.S. Highway 93
132 Bison Range Rd., Moiese, MT 59824
406-644-2211

Established in 1908, this 20,000-acre national wildlife refuge is home to some 500 American bison, or buffalo. The range also maintains herds of elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope. A 19-mile scenic trip beginning and ending at the range headquarters gives visitors the best opportunity to view wildlife. A shorter tour is also available. A visitor center with exhibits and picnic area is at the headquarters. Steep downgrades on the long scenic loop require standard transmission on coaches.

St. Ignatius Mission *Travel Montana*

Open year-round, daily during daylight hours. The longer scenic route is open mid-May - late October only. Minimum time: 40 minutes. Admission free.

PORT POLSON PLAYERS
Polson Performing Arts Center,
Polson Golf Course
P.O. Box 1152, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-9212 or 406-883-4691

Port Polson Players are known for their sophisticated comedy and musical productions using professional performers. The intimate, newly renovated space seats 150 patrons comfortably, and features a panoramic view of Flathead Lake and the Mission Mountains. Past performances include "Play It Again, Sam" and "Same Time Next Year." Future performances will include "Dames at Sea" and "I Do! I Do!" Performing July - August, Wednesday - Sunday at 8:30 P.M. Group rates.

ST. IGNATIUS MISSION
Jesuit Mission, St. Ignatius, MT 59865
406-745-2768

The beautiful St. Ignatius Mission was built by Indian people and their missionaries in 1891 with local materials. The million bricks were made with local clay, the lumber was cut in the nearby foothills and the striking interior murals were designed and painted by Brother Joseph Carignano, the mission cook. There are 58 murals in all, painted on the walls and ceiling. The original residence and chapel, built in 1854, are located next to the mission church. Inside a log cabin are exhibits of early artifacts, Indian arts and crafts, and other historical items.

Open May - October 15, daily 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

Outdoor Activities:

PORT POLSON PRINCESS
P.O. Box 185, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-2448

Boat tours of Flathead Lake on the Port Polson Princess depart daily and last 2-3 hours. Boat is available for charter tours. Comfortable passenger accommodations include upper and main decks, with restroom facilities.

Tours June - September, 10 A.M. - 9 P.M. Admission charged - groups of six or more receive 10% discount.

Beartooth Highway *Travel Montana*

Red Lodge

Location:

Between Billings and Yellowstone National Park on U.S. Highway 212

Population:

1,958

Information:

Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce
Box 998, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1718

Red Lodge is a resort and ranching community with a colorful coal-mining past. At one time, "Liver Eatin" Jeremiah Johnson was a sheriff in Red Lodge. This charming alpine town is nestled in the foothills of the magnificent Beartooth Mountains. Due to the proximity of Yellowstone National Park and Red Lodge Mountain ski area, tourism plays a key role in the economy. Red Lodge holds a nine-day Festival of Nations every August in honor of the many nationalities that settled here as miners. The community celebrates the 4th of July every year with its popular Home of Champions Rodeo.

Outdoor Activities:

BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY
U.S. Highway 212 between Red Lodge and Yellowstone National Park

It takes about three hours to drive the Beartooth Highway with some of the world's most breathtaking and magnificent mountain scenery at every turn. The Beartooth has been described as the most beautiful drive in America by CBS news correspondent Charles Kuralt. The highway crosses Beartooth Pass at an elevation of 10,940 feet.

The road is open to traffic approximately May 15 - October 15, but is closed during the winter months.

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN
101 Ski Run Rd.
P.O. Box 750, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-2610

The 25 miles of trails at Red Lodge Mountain ski area offer challenging skiing for every skier, from the seasoned expert to the anxious beginner. A triple chair, four double chairs and a mitey-mite can accommodate 6,690 skiers per hour. Facilities on the mountain include a saloon and cafeteria at the base lodge, a midway chalet serving food, beer and wine, a summit house, ski rentals, accessory shop, ski school and ski patrol.

Open late-November - mid-April, daily 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. Special group rates and packages.

RED LODGE ZOO
North edge of town on U.S. Highway 212
P.O. Box 675, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1133

This new and growing zoo features a petting farm of domestic animals and a bison.

Open Memorial Day - September 15, daily 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Scobey

Location:
Northeast corner of Montana at junction of Montana 5 and 13

Population:
1,154

Information:
Daniels County Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 91, Scobey, MT 59263
406-487-5502

Scobey, the seat of Daniels County, lies 14 miles from the Canadian border in the heart of grain and cattle country. The annual Scobey Pioneer Days and Antique Show is held in late June.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes and golf.

Attractions:
DANIELS COUNTY MUSEUM and PIONEER TOWN
7 W. County Rd.
P.O. Box 133, Scobey, MT 59263
406-487-5559

The Daniels County Museum and Pioneer Town take you for a stroll down memory lane. The museum serves to preserve the pioneer heritage of the area. Authentically restored, Pioneer Town includes a main street and 40 buildings with merchandise from the homesteading era, including homesteader's shacks and homes, a bank, doctor's office, general stores, a church, dentist office, blacksmith shop and the Dirty Shame Saloon. The museum's collection of steam tractors is highlighted at the annual Pioneer Days, held in late June.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily 1 - 5 P.M. Guided group tours. Minimum time: two hours. Admission $3/adult, $1/child; minimum of 10 persons in a group.

Seeley Lake

Location:
Northwest Montana on U.S. Highway 83, south of Glacier National Park

Population:
1,000

Information:
Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868
406-677-2880

Beginning at the charming village of Bigfork on the north and ending at Clearwater Junction on the south, this 91-mile stretch of road is commonly known as the "Seeley-Swan Highway" or the "Chain of Lakes." Running between two majestic mountain ranges, and following the Swan and Clearwater rivers past pristine lakes and heavily wooded slopes, Montana 83 provides the most scenic route between Glacier and Yellowstone national parks.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Shelby

Location:
36 miles south of Canada at junction of I-15 and U.S. Highway 2

Population:
2,763

Information:
Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 865, Shelby, MT 59474
406-434-7184

Shelby came into existence in 1891 when the Great Northern Railroad moved westward and quickly became a "cowboy" town. In 1922, oil was discovered in the fields north toward the Canadian border. Shelby was the site of the World Heavyweight championship fight between Dempsey and Gibbons on July 4, 1923. An excellent Indian artifacts collection is on display at the Toole County Library.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, hunting, fishing and golf.

Attractions:
MARIAS MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART
1st St. N. and 12th Ave., Shelby, MT 59474
406-434-2551

Toole County history is displayed including memorabilia from the Dempsey-Gibbons fight in 1923, musical instruments, oil field and railroad exhibits.

Open June - August, Monday - Friday 1 - 5 P.M. and 7 - 9 P.M., weekends 1 - 5 P.M.; September - May, Tuesday 1 - 5 P.M.

Sidney

Location:
Eight miles west of North Dakota at junction of Montana 16 and 200

Population:
5,217

Information:
Sidney Chamber of Commerce
909 S. Central, Sidney, MT 59270
406-482-1916

This eastern Montana town by the Yellowstone River is the center of agriculture for the area. Crops include wheat, sugar beets, corn, beans and hay.

Activities include fishing for many warmwater species, including the huge, prehistoric paddlefish, agate hunting along the Yellowstone, and hunting big game, waterfowl and upland birds.

Attractions:

MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER
120 Third Ave. SE
P.O. Box 50, Sidney, MT 59270
406-482-3500

This museum and art center features a 16-unit turn-of-the-century street scene, complete with boardwalks, the St. Cyr gun collection, area artifacts and early photos. Two main art galleries house changing exhibits. Other displays include a horse-drawn sleigh, dinosaur bones, two original J. K. Ralston paintings and 1906 Model N Ford.

Open year-round. Winter, Tuesday - Sunday 1 - 5 P.M.; summer, Monday - Friday 10 A.M. - noon and 1 - 5 P.M., weekend 1 - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups with advance notice. Minimum time: one hour. Admission free, donations welcome.

Outdoor Activities:

FORT UNION TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
21 miles north of Sidney
Buford Route, Williston, ND 58801
701-572-9083

The American Fur Company built Fort Union in 1829, near the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers. Trade with Indians prospered for 38 years and the fort emerged as a center of hospitality in the Upper Missouri country. Today this site is preserved as a unit of the national park system. Much of the fort has been reconstructed, including the Bourgeois House, which serves as a visitor center and museum. A Fur Trade Rendezvous is held each mid-June.

Open daily, Memorial Day - Labor Day 8 A.M. - 8 P.M., rest of the year (central time) 9 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Summer living history program, daily 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Guided tours available with advance arrangements. Admission free.

Stevensville

See BITTERROOT VALLEY.

Superior

Location:

48 miles from Idaho border on I-90

Population:

881

Information:

Superior Chamber of Commerce
301 2nd Ave.
P.O. Box 533, Superior, MT 59872
406-822-4227 or 406-822-4291
(Chamber of Commerce volunteers)

Superior, county seat of Mineral County, is located along the Clark Fork River and the route of the old Mullan Trail.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, hunting and fishing.

Attractions:

MINERAL COUNTY MUSEUM
301 2nd Ave.
P.O. Box 533, Superior, MT 59872
406-822-4516 or 406-822-4078 or
406-822-4626 (museum volunteers)

Displays include local history and industry, and feature John Mullan and the Mullan Road.

Open by appointment only. Admission free.

Three Forks

Location:

Southwest Montana at junction of I-90 and U.S. Highway 287

Population:

1,203

Information:

Three Forks Chamber of Commerce
Box 1103, Three Forks, MT 59752
406-285-3198

Discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, Three Forks is located at the historically significant site where the Madison, Jefferson and Gallatin rivers converge to form the Missouri River. Several fur trading posts established here failed because of Indian hostilities. This fertile valley had long been the hunting grounds for several Indian tribes. Agriculture and tourism are the main industries here.

Lewis and Clark Caverns *Travel Montana*

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides and golf.

Attractions:

HEADWATERS HERITAGE MUSEUM
P.O. Box 116, Three Forks, MT 59752
406-285-3495

The museum building, constructed in 1910, originally housed one of the first banks in Three Forks. Damaged by earthquake in 1925, it has been restored to its original design by the Three Forks Area Historical Society. Displays include replicas of a turn-of-the-century village and thousands of historical artifacts, such as a small anvil salvaged from the ruins of an 1810 Missouri Fur Company trading post.

Open May 15 - September 15, Monday - Saturday 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. and 1 - 5 P.M., Sunday 1 - 5 P.M. Special tours for groups. Admission free.

Outdoor Activities:

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK
17 miles west of Three Forks on Montana 2
P.O. Box 949, Three Forks, MT 59752
406-287-3541

Montana's first and best-known state park features one of the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the northwest. Filled with an endless variety of beautiful, colored formations, these spectacular caverns are electrically lighted and safe to visit. Guided tours take about two hours, including time for a leisurely walk along the paved trail leading from the visitor center to the entrance. The entrance trail is 3/4 mile long with a 300-foot rise. Visitors are also required to walk another 3/4 mile inside the caverns, including 500 stairs down and 100 stairs up, plus 1/2 mile back to the visitors center. Many places inside the caverns require low stooping. The Paradise Tour provides an easier option for senior citizens and those with limited time. This tour includes a walk out the exit trail (one mile) and enters the caverns through the exit, visiting the last, most beautiful and largest room in the caverns. The tour covers level ground, with a few stairs in the Paradise Room. Total round trip of one mile takes approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Open daily. May 1 - June 14, 9 A.M. -5 P.M.; June 15 - Labor Day, 9 A.M. - 7 P.M.; Labor Day - September 30, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Special group rate for groups of at least 15 making reservations two weeks in advance - $3.50 adult.

MADISON BUFFALO JUMP
Off I-90 near Three Forks
c/o Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Parks Division
1420 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620
406-444-3750

This buffalo jump vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used in Montana 2,000 years ago. Interpretive displays explain how bison were stampeded over the cliffs.

Open year-round during daylight hours. Admission $3/vehicle, buses 50 cents person.

MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK
Off I-90 near Three Forks
c/o Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Parks Division
1420 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620
406-444-3750

The Lewis and Clark Expedition came upon this junction of rivers on July 27, 1805, and named the three forks of the Missouri River. They named the eastern fork for Albert Gallatin, secretary of the treasury; the middle fork for James Madison, secretary of state; and the western fork for Thomas Jefferson, president of the United States. The headwaters park has historical exhibits, interpretive signs, scenic view points, picnic areas and hiking trails.

Open year-round, daylight hours. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission $3/vehicle, buses charged 50 cents/person.

Virginia City

See MAJOR ATTRACTIONS ALDER GULCH.

West Glacier

See MAJOR ATTRACTIONS GLACIER PARK.

West Yellowstone

SUPERHOST

Location:

West entrance of Yellowstone National Park at junction of U.S. Highways 20 and 287

Population:

913

Information:

West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7701

Known as the trout fishing and snowmobile capital of the world, West Yellowstone is a thriving year-round community. Fly fishermen come from all over the world to test their skills in the blue-ribbon trout streams surrounding the area. In winter, the town takes advantage of its generous

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snowfall by grooming hundreds of miles of snowmobile and cross-country ski trails and by hosting races in both sports. Many companies in West Yellowstone offer snowmobile and ski rentals. The town's convention center can accommodate up to 1,000 for meetings and banquets. The town offers a variety of lodgings, restaurants, shops and evening entertainment.

Attractions:

MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE
124 Yellowstone Ave.
P.O. Box 411, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7814

The Union Pacific Depot, built between 1907 and 1909, now houses the Museum of the Yellowstone. Collections in the museum include rare, vintage portrait photographs of great Indian chiefs; rare Indian artifacts, such as clothing and weapons; authentic sabres, handguns and rifles used by the U.S. Cavalry; mountain man essentials like beaver traps and the Hawkin rifle; wildlife dioramas; and special exhibits on "Trains and Yellowstone," "Bears of Yellowstone" and "Yellowstone Fires." Adventure and documentary films of the Old West, Yellowstone Park (including the fires of 1988), wildlife and Native American history are shown in the theater. A bookstore in the museum contains over 5,000 books and a large selection of videos on western Americana, natural history and women's and Native American history.

Open Mother's Day - Columbus Day, daily 8 A.M.- 10 P.M. Minimum time: one hour. Group admission $1 off regular fee.

PLAYMILL THEATRE
29 Madison Ave.
P.O. Box D, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7757

College drama students present a variety of classic musicals, comedies and melodramas followed by a variety revue. Past performances include "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "Gold in the Hills."

Shows performed Memorial Day - Labor Day, Friday and Saturday at 6 and 8:30 P.M., Monday and Thursday at 8 P.M. Admission charged.

Outdoor Activities:

MADISON CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA - See MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Snow ghosts *Garry Wunderwald*

Whitefish

SUPERHOST!

Location:

20 miles west of Glacier National Park on U.S. Highway 93

Population:

4,368

Information:

Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501

Nestled in the majestic Rocky Mountains on the shore of Whitefish Lake, this small, friendly Montana town offers the best in summer and winter recreation. A 27-hole golf course bordering the lake is beautiful and challenging, while nearby The Big Mountain ski area is a skier's paradise. The whole town gets into the spirit during the Whitefish Winter Carnival, celebrated each February.

Attractions:

CHIPS AND CRITTERS
U.S. Highway 93 in Eureka
P.O. Box 1170, Eureka, MT 59917
406-296-3162

Dave Clarke, a self-taught chainsaw sculptor, creates humorous and detailed sculptures from local pine. Dave has made everything from one-inch crosses to a one-ton eagle, using three varied saws with 16-inch and 32-inch bars. Tours can enjoy a 45-minute exhibition. Covered seating is available for 50. A taxidermy shop, gallery and large gift shop are on the premises.

Outdoor Activities:

THE BIG MOUNTAIN SKI AND SUMMER RESORT
P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3511 or 800-858-5439

With more than 3,000 acres of skiable terrain and only 30 miles from Glacier National Park, The Big Mountain is among North America's largest and most scenic ski and summer resorts. One high-speed quad, one fixed-grip quad, four triple chairs, two double chairs, a T-Bar and platter lift can accommodate approximately 7,000 skiers per hour. Summer activities include the most scenic gondola ride in the northwest,

hiking, horseback riding, kids' day camp, chuckwagon dinners, village and summit dining, and music festivals in the outdoor amphitheater. Facilities on mountain include lodging that ranges from economy to deluxe, restaurants, bars, ski school, ski patrol, ski shop, ski rentals, photographic and video shop, day care and grocery store.

Open late November - mid-April, 9 A.M. - 10 P.M.; summer, early May - September, 10 A.M. - 9:45 P.M. Value season and group rates.

White Sulphur Springs

Location:
Central Montana at junction of U.S. Highways 89 and 12

Population:
963

Information:
White Sulphur Springs Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 356
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
406-547-3366

County seat of Meagher (pronounced "mar") County, the town was named for white deposits around the hot sulphur springs here. The Smith River Valley, with White Sulphur Springs as its trading center, was the home of prospectors working the lead and silver mines, but now relies on its ranching and timber industries. White Sulphur Springs is located near the Smith River Canyon, a premier scenic and fishing river float. A natural hot springs pool in town is open to the public for bathing and relaxation.

Attractions:
THE CASTLE
310 2nd Ave. NE
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
406-547-3744

A prominent landmark on the hilltop overlooking town is "The Castle." The gray stone chateau-style structure, furnished with antiques, was built in 1892 as the home of a stockman and mine owner.

Open May 15 - September 15, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Admission charged.

Outdoor Activities:
SHOWDOWN SKI AREA
P.O. Box 92, Neihart, MT 59465
406-236-5522

Relaxed and uncrowded, Showdown is a friendly, down-home ski area located just 25 miles north of White Sulphur Springs. Showdown offers 1,400 vertical feet of tree-lined trails and open slopes. The area receives an average snowfall of 25 feet, and is served by a triple chair and double chair, poma lift and rope tow. The lifts accommodate 3,200 skiers per hour on the 32 slopes. Facilities on the mountain include a cafeteria, ski school, saloon, and rental and pro shop.

Wolf Point

Location:
Northeast Montana at junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Montana 13

Population:
2,880

Information:
Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 237, Wolf Point, MT 59201
406-653-2012

During the colorful and romantic age of the grand Missouri River steamboats, Wolf Point was a refueling stop for the big wood burners. In 1885, the Great Northern Railroad pushed into Montana and the river boats were gone forever. Wolf Point's economy today is primarily agricultural, with large wheat farms and cattle ranches dotting the plains landscape. Montana's oldest rodeo, the Wild Horse Stampede, is held every July.

The Castle, White Sulphur Springs *Travel Montana*

Attractions:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
220 2nd Ave. S., Wolf Point, MT 59201
406-653-1912

This museum is located in the basement of the Roosevelt County Library. Located on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, there is an area devoted to Indian artifacts. Other exhibits include historical artifacts, heirlooms, antiques, an Archie Graber statue of Charlie Russell and Wolf Point native Montie Montana's dress suit.

Open June 1 - September 1, Monday - Friday 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. Admission free.

ASSINIBOINE VILLAGE
233 Cascade St.
P.O. Box 63, Wolf Point, MT 59201
406-653-1804

Set in the 1880s, the 40-acre site on the bank of the Missouri River includes many attractions that authentically portray the traditional Assiniboine culture. Experience their lifestyle, witness their customs, eat their traditional foods, enjoy their music and dances, participate in their games, watch their crafts people at work and listen to tribal members tell about their history and religion.

Tours Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily at noon, 3 P.M. and 6 P.M. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Admission charged.

Assiniboine Village *Jim Wylder*

Indian Reservations

The Blackfeet Reservation

The People

The reservation is home to the Blackfeet tribe. Of the approximately 13,000 enrolled tribal members, there are 6,231 living on or near the reservation. Nearly 27 percent of enrolled members are of three-fourths or greater Indian blood.

The Blackfeet Indians are commonly thought to have acquired their name because of the characteristic black color of their moccasins, painted or darkened with ashes.

Economy

There are two manufacturing plants on the reservation. One produces pencils, pens and markers and the other makes gloves. Major uses of the land are for ranching and farming. The principle crops are wheat, barley and hay.

Location

The Blackfeet Reservation is in northwest Montana along the east slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Its one-and-a-half million acres are bordered on the north by Canada and on the west by Glacier National Park.

Points of Interest

Museum of the Plains Indian
U.S. 89, Browning, MT 406-338-7276
See page 37 for more information.

Blackfeet Community College
Browning, MT 406-338-5441

Blackfeet Historic Site Tour
406-338-5441
Half and full-day tours beginning at the Museum of the Plains Indian.

For more information about the Blackfeet Reservation, contact:

Blackfeet Nation
P.O. Box 850
Browning, MT 59417
406-338-7276

The Crow Reservation

The People

About 75 percent of the Crow tribe's approximately 8,000 enrolled members live on or near the reservation.

In the Hidatsa language, this tribe was called "Absarokee," which means "children of the large-beaked bird." Other Indian tribes called them the "sharp people" because it was thought they were crafty and alert as the bird for which they were named, probably the raven, later interpreted by white men as "crow."

Economy

For many years the vast coal deposits under the east portion of the reservation remained untapped. One mine is now in operation and providing royalty income and employment to tribal members. The Crow operate only a small portion of their irrigated or dry farm acreage and about 30 percent of their grazing land.

Location

The Crow Reservation is in southcentral Montana bordered by Wyoming on the south with its northwest boundary about 10 miles from Billings.

Points of Interest

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area and Yellowtail Dam
Fort Smith, MT 406-666-2412
Spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing, boating, fishing, and camping.

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument/Reno-Benteen Battlefield
Crow Agency, MT 406-638-2621
Commemorates the site of the Indian victory over Custer's Seventh Cavalry.
See page 17 for more information.

Chief Plenty Coups State Park
Joliet, MT 252-1289
The home of Plenty Coups, the last Crow chief.

For more information about the Crow Reservation, contact:

Crow Reservation
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-2601

The Flathead Reservation

The People

The Flathead Indian Reservation is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes. The tribes are a combination of the Salish, the Pend d'Oreille and the Kootenai. Of the 6,700 enrolled tribal members, about 3,500 live on or near the reservation.

Economy

Montana Power Company pays the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes $9.4 million annually to lease land on which the Kerr Dam sits near Polson. Potential for development of additional hydroelectric power sites and residential recreation areas promise additional income in the future. The reservation also derives income from logging and Christmas tree sales.

Location
North of I-90 between Missoula and Kalispell, the fertile valleys and towering mountain peaks of northwest Montana are the motifs of the Flathead Reservation. The Reservation comprises over 1.2 million acres.

Points of Interest
Agnes Vanderburg Cultural Camp
Ravalli, MT 406-745-4572
Camp teaches language, crafts, customs and lore of Salish and Pend d'Oreilles people. Classes are free. Held summer months.

Flathead Lake
406-752-5501
The largest freshwater lake in the West. Points of interest on the lake include Wild Horse Island State Park (Kwelkani Mi in the Kootenai language) and Finley Point, Elmo and Yellow Bay state campgrounds.

The National Bison Range/Pablo National Wildlife Refuge
Moiese, MT 406-644-2211

Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge and State Wildlife Management Area
Ronan, MT 406-644-2211
One of Montana's designated Wildlife Viewing sites; an exceptional wetland complex prime for birdwatching.

St. Ignatius Mission
406-745-2768
Established in 1854. See page 56 for more information.

Squelix'u Aqlemaknik Culture Center
406-675-0160
"The Peoples" center for preservation of Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille lifestyles. Scheduled to be in full operation in 1993.

For more information about the Flathead Reservation, contact:

Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
P.O. Box 278
Pablo, MT 59855
406-675-2700 or 800-634-0690

Tipi *Donnie Sexton*

The Fort Belknap Reservation

The People
The Fort Belknap Reservation is home to two tribes, the Assiniboine and the Gros Ventre, with a combined enrollment of about 4,500.

Economy
Employment on the reservation is scarce. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the tribe are the major employers. The annual income of the tribe, itself, is only $90,000. The reservation is working to develop tourism.

Location
The combined reservation and additional tribal lands encompass 705,067 acres of the plains and grasslands of north-central Montana.

Points of Interest
Fort Belknap Community College
Fort Belknap Agency, MT 406-353-2607

Fort Belknap Tourism Office and Information Center
Harlem, MT 406-353-2537
Also Fort Belknap Ventures featuring handcrafted Native American arts and crafts. Staff provides tours of the Mission, the Snake Butte, ancient tipi rings and the tribal buffalo pasture.

Mission Canyon/Natural Bridge
South of Hays
Scenic recreational canyon has picnic and camping areas.

Saint Paul's Mission Church
Hays, MT 406-353-2527
Established in 1887.

For more information about the Fort Belknap Reservation, contact:

Fort Belknap Tourism Office
R.R. 1, Box 66
Fort Belknap Agency
Harlem, MT 59526
406-353-2205

The Fort Peck Reservation

The People

About 6,800 Assiniboine and Sioux live on the Fort Peck Reservation with another 4,000 or so tribal members living off the reservation.

Economy

A prosperous industrial park in Poplar is one of the largest employers in Montana. A variety of enterprises, including metal fabrication and production sewing are housed here. Other industry, such as an electronics manufacturer, flourishes on the reservation.

Farming and ranching and oil extraction also play a part in the makeup of the reservation economy.

Location

In northwest Montana, its boundaries 40 miles from North Dakota on the west, 50 miles south of the Canadian border and shaped by the Missouri River at its southern border, the Fort Peck Reservation covers more than two million acres of fertile land.

Points of Interest

Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Culture Center and Museum
Poplar, MT 406-768-5155

Fort Peck Community College
Poplar, MT 406-768-5155

Assiniboine Village
Wolf Point, MT 406-653-1804
See page 62 for more information.

For more information about the Fort Peck Reservation, contact:

Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
P.O. Box 1027
Poplar, MT 59255
406-768-5155

The Northern Cheyenne Reservation

The People

About 5,600 Northern Cheyenne, some members of other tribes and some non-Native Americans live on the reservation.

Economy

Major employers include the Labre Indian School, the federal government, tribal government, power companies and construction companies. In the future the tribe plans to mine the large coal deposit under the reservation.

Location

The rugged country of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation is in southeast Montana. It covers 445,000 acres and is bounded on the east by the Tongue River and on the west by the Crow Reservation.

Points of Interest

Chief Two Moons Monument
Busby, MT 406-477-6253
Built in 1936 in memory of Chief Two Moons, who participated in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

Dull Knife Memorial College
Lame Deer, MT 406-477-6215

Northern Cheyenne Tribal Museum
Lame Deer, MT 406-477-6284

St. Labre Indian School
Ashland, MT 406-784-2200
Established in 1884. Visitors center, museum and gallery.

For more information about the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, contact:

Northern Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 328
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406-477-6253

Powwow *Donnie Sexton*

The Rocky Boy's Reservation

The People

Rocky Boy's provides a home for about 2,700 members of the Chippewa-Cree tribe.

The name "Rocky Boy" comes from the name of a leader of a band of Chippewa Indians. It means "Stone Child," but it was not translated correctly from Chippewa into English, and "Rocky Boy" evolved.

Economy

Rocky Boy's residents who work on the reservation are employed by the schools, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service and tribal government. There is also some wheat farming and post and pole production. The tribe is actively working toward development of its natural resources to be able to provide more jobs and income.

Location

Near the Canadian border, in north-central Montana, Rocky Boy's Reservation is graced by the Bears Paw Mountains, providing dramatic contrast to the flat bottomlands of this area.

Points of Interest

Stone Child College
Rocky Boy's Agency, MT 406-395-4269

For more information about the Rocky Boy's Reservation, contact:

The Chippewa Cree Business Committee
Box 544 Rocky Boy Route
Box Elder, MT 59521

Calendar of Events

February

First weekend–
Fort Belknap Mid-Winter Fair
Fort Belknap, MT 406-353-2527
(Fort Belknap Reservation)

May

Third weekend–
Buffalo Feast and Powwow
St. Ignatius, MT 406-745-2951
(Flathead Reservation)

Memorial Day weekend–
Northern Cheyenne Powwow and Rodeo
Lame Deer, MT 406-477-6284
(Northern Cheyenne Reservation)

June

Mid-June–
Red Bottom Celebration
Frazer, MT 406-768-5155
(Fort Peck Reservation)

Late June–
Badlands Celebration
Brockton, MT 406-768-5155
(Fort Peck Reservation)

July

First weekend–
Fort Kipp Celebration
Poplar, MT 406-768-5551
(Fort Peck Reservation)

July 4 weekend–
Arlee Fourth of July Celebration
Arlee, MT 406-676-2389
(Flathead Reservation)

Northern Cheyenne Powwow
Lame Deer, MT 406-477-6284
(Northern Cheyenne Reservation)

Second weekend–
Wolf Point Stampede
Wolf Point, MT
(Fort Peck Reservation)

Second week–
North American Indian Days
Blackfeet Tribal Fairgrounds
Browning, MT 406-338-7276
(Blackfeet Reservation)

Third weekend–
Hays Community Powwow
Mission Canyon
Hays, MT 406-353-2527
(Fort Belknap Reservation)

Iron Ring Celebration
Poplar, MT 406-768-5155
(Fort Peck Reservation)

Standing Arrow Powwow
Elmo, MT 406-675-2700 or 849-5541
(Flathead Reservation)

Fourth weekend–
Milk River Indian Days
Fort Belknap Powwow Grounds
Fort Belknap, MT 406-353-2527
(Fort Belknap Reservation)

Wadopana Celebration
Wolf Point, MT 406-477-6284
(Fort Peck Reservation)

August

First weekend–
Rocky Boy's Annual Powwow
Rocky Boys Agency, MT 406-477-6284
(Rocky Boy's Reservation)

Second week–
White River Cheyenne Powwow
Busby, MT 406-477-6284
(Northern Cheyenne Reservation)

Third weekend–
Crow Fair Powwow, Rodeo and Race Meet
Crow Fairgrounds
Crow Agency, MT 406-638-2601
(Crow Reservation)

Oil Discovery Celebration
Poplar, MT 406-768-5155
One of the largest gatherings of Native Americans in the country.
(Fort Peck Reservation)

September

Labor Day weekend–
Northern Cheyenne Labor Day Powwow
Ashland, MT 406-477-6284
(Northern Cheyenne Reservation)

November

Third weekend–
War Dance Championships
St. Ignatius, MT 406-883-3313
(Flathead Reservation)

Escort Notes

A Primer

The Rocky Mountains

The Rocky Mountains rise magnificently in western Montana, defining the shape and character of the state and, incidentally, giving Montana its name. Montana means "mountains" or "mountainous" in both Spanish and Latin. These mountains and their timbered snow-fed valleys comprise the western third of the state. The Rockies, rooted far to the south, are going strong by the time they trumpet through Montana and north to Canada. Here travelers can marvel at range after range of proud peaks that plummet into vast river valleys. The beautiful Bitterroot Range begins at the southwest tip of the state and defines most of Montana's western border. The majestic Mission Range seems to erupt from the earth as travelers follow U.S. Highway 93 north from Missoula. Other dramatic formations include the Swan and Flathead ranges in the northwest corner of the state and the Garnet and Madison ranges to the southwest. Numerous ranges dot the Rocky Mountains, sporting intriguing names such as the Ruby Range, the Pioneer Mountains and the Tobacco Root Mountains.

Island Ranges and the Northern Plains

In the center of Montana, east of the Rockies, isolated "island ranges" jut out of the surrounding prairie, providing shelter for abundant wildlife. Rivers meander slowly through fertile farms and rangeland, and towns are farther apart.

The eastern third of the state is primarily northern plains, a land of rolling hills and badlands. Here, roots run deep in both the vegetation and the people.

Water, Water Everywhere

Montana has more than 9,000 rivers, streams, spring creeks (pronounced "cricks" out here), lakes and reservoirs. We have the headwaters for two major river systems, the Columbia and the Missouri. The Continental Divide determines whether Montana's water will find its way to the Pacific via the Columbia River system, or to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Missouri. A one-of-a-kind landmark in Glacier National Park called Triple Divide Peak splits its snowmelt three ways: besides sending water east and west, Triple Divide steers a portion of its annual runoff north to Hudson Bay and the Arctic Ocean.

Dramatic Highs and Lows

The lush forests of Montana are drenched annually with up to 100 inches of rainfall; parched badlands might receive nine inches in a good year. Dramatic ups and downs range from a low of 1,820 feet on the Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana to 12,799 feet at the top of Granite Peak in Montana's magnificent Beartooth Range in the south-central part of the state. The hottest temperature ever recorded was 117 degrees at Medicine Lake in eastern Montana; the lowest broke the thermometer on Rogers Pass north of Helena at 70 degrees below zero. Our greatest single rainfall poured 11.5 inches of water on Circle in 24 hours; the longest severe drought lasted 21 months. Our deepest snowfall in one season dumped more than 33 feet on Kings Hill (now Showdown ski area), and workers labored to remove a whopping 60-foot snowdrift on Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park.

Transportation Network

Montana boasts a transportation network that includes 14,200 miles of modern paved highways, north-south and east-west interstate highway systems, 15 airports with commercial air service, non-stop flights from Minneapolis, Denver, Salt Lake City and Spokane to Montana's larger cities, and daily Amtrak rail service along Montana's northern east-west route called the "Hi-Line," which parallels U.S. Highway 2.

The People

Montana land was Indian land for 10,000 years before it felt the footfall of a white man. It belonged to the Blackfeet, the Cheyenne, the Assiniboine, Gros Ventre, Flathead, and Absarokas. Montana is still Indian land, with seven vast reservations covering millions of acres throughout the state.

The immigrants who responded to the lure of riches and settled this untamed land in the 1800s came in eager droves from Scandinavia, Germany, Poland, Yugoslavia, France, Italy, Spain, Ireland, England and a score of other countries. Their history can be traced in the ethnic strongholds of

Mountain goat *Travel Montana*

Butte, Anaconda, Red Lodge and the "Hi-Line" communities of Glasgow, Wolf Point, Scobey and Plentywood.

Natural Resources

Montana is a resource-rich state that has rewarded many fortune seekers. Furs, gold, silver, copper, timber, cattle, oil and coal have all had their heyday in Montana and some are still booming.

Currently, Montana's leading industry is manufacturing, with forest products accounting for a large share of that income. Mining and energy development are a close second, as the race to develop the nation's energy resources continues to gain momentum. Agriculture and tourism are the state's other leading industries.

Climate has a dramatic influence on the economic makeup of the state. The east side of the Continental Divide is quite arid, with lots of sunshine. The dominant economic forces are grain, livestock, coal, oil and natural gas. West of the Continental Divide resembles the Pacific Northwest in both climate and terrain. Plenty of moisture and a moderating climate make this the garden spot of the state. Here, tall stands of fir, pine, spruce and larch are managed and harvested to produce wood products used across the nation.

Not all of the 29.6 million acre-feet of water produced annually in Montana finds its way to the sea. Montana's diverse water resources support 81 species of fish. These waters sustain a recreational fishery worth millions of dollars, provide habitat for a number of bird and mammal species, supply water for agriculture, municipalities and industry, support a limited commercial fishery, generate hydroelectric power and attract thousands of visitors to the state each year.

Montana History 101

Geologic Story

Long before the first person set foot in what is now Montana, this land underwent turbulent geologic change. The earth heaved and moaned. Ancient seas and lakes rose and fell.

The mountains of western Montana were formed about 60 million years ago by massive shifts of the earth and the upward surge of liquid rock and lava. One great mass of sedimentary rock slid as a single slab to form what is now Glacier National Park. Other slabs formed the Rocky Mountain Front. A few of the mountain ranges are the result of volcanic activity. One major center of volcanic activity was the Yellowstone National Park area, where a series of violent eruptions built up the Yellowstone Plateau. Great swamps formed east of these mountains as the seas retreated eastward, and were later buried to become thick beds of coal and oil. The geologic activity deep within the earth that created Montana's geographically split personality still goes on today. Volcanoes have been active in the region during most of the past 100 million years, and frequent earthquakes show that some of the mountains and valleys are still moving.

Prehistoric fossils are on display in many areas of Montana, including Bozeman, Choteau, Fort Peck Dam, Jordan and Ekalaka. Some of the finest fossil skeletons ever unearthed were dug from the prairie soils. Triceratops, Trachodon, Tyrannosaurus rex, dinosaur eggs, petrified turtles and fossilized leaves and fish are just some of the specimens on display.

Early Inhabitants

It is generally agreed that the first inhabitants of this area migrated over a land bridge across the Bering Strait that connected Asian Siberia with Alaska. These Asiatic hunters followed large herds of big game animals across the continent.

About 4,000 to 5,000 years ago, the climate changed dramatically.

The Northern Great Plains became hot and dry, grasslands dried up and the plentiful herds of big game animals disappeared. Hunters turned to antelope and rabbits and augmented their catch with berries and roots.

As the climate grew wetter, about 1,000 to 2,000 years ago, bison herds returned to the plains. About the same time, the bow and arrow appeared in North America. Besides hunting bison singly with this new weapon, the hunters developed another technique called a buffalo drive or a buffalo jump, in which an entire herd was stampeded over a cliff.

Two accessible sites where Indian buffalo jumps can be seen are Ulm Pishkun, off I-15, southwest of Great Falls, and the Madison Buffalo Jump, off I-90, between Bozeman and Three Forks.

Few of our contemporary Indian tribes lived in Montana before 1600, when white settlement of the East and Midwest pushed tribes farther and farther west. The Kootenai lived in the Flathead Lake region, while the Salish and Pend d'Oreille ventured east of the Continental Divide along the upper Missouri River. But after 1600, Shoshones and Crows moved onto the eastern plains, only to be ousted in the 1700s by the Blackfeet, who dominated until the settlement of the land by whites. The Gros Ventre, Assiniboine, Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, Chippewa and Cree all came to Montana after 1750. Thus, when Lewis and Clark traveled through Montana in 1804-1806, few of the Indian tribes they met had been residents for more than 70 years.

Lewis and Clark

Montana's first recorded history is preserved eloquently in the journals of Lewis and Clark. The 1804-1806 journey of these two explorers and their "Corps of Discovery" was the greatest expedition in U.S. history. Beginning in St. Louis, the corps followed the Missouri River to its source in what is now Montana, through this vast, newly acquired unknown tract of land called the Louisiana Purchase. From the headwaters, they were commissioned to find a water passage to the Pacific Ocean–the long-imagined "northwest passage."

Along the way, they were to explore, botanize, collect animal specimens, discover what they could of the Indian tribes along their route, map the route, and keep a record of their journey.

The expedition entered Montana April 26, 1805, at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers (at the present Montana-North Dakota border) and traveled west along the Missouri. They portaged around the "Great Falls of the Missouri," just below the present city of

Great Falls, continued to the Missouri headwaters near Bozeman, then undertook what must have been the most challenging and discouraging aspect of the journey–the search for a passage over the mountain ranges that comprise the Continental Divide. An arduous, nearly fatal mountain crossing brought them to the Columbia River and the corps spent a hard winter on the coast.

On their return journey, Lewis and Clark re-entered Montana in 1806, divided the corps and explored both the Marias River country in northern Montana and the Yellowstone River valley in south-central Montana on their way east.

In the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark

Most of this historic trek can be followed today by modern highway. Eleven states, including Montana, have marked the entire route, from the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers to the Pacific Coast. In Montana, the Missouri River headwaters has been preserved in interpretive detail at the Missouri Headwaters State Park, off I-90, near Three Forks. Before they reached the headwaters, Lewis and Clark passed through a canyon north of Helena, and named the steep cliffs the Gates of the Rocky Mountains, now known as the Gates of the Mountains. The "Gates" are easily reached off I-15, north of Helena, and can be viewed daily during the summer months on regular, two-hour, scenic cruises. Perhaps the earliest graffiti was left by Captain Clark at what he named Pompeys Pillar, a distinctive rock formation along the Yellowstone River east of Billings. Clark climbed the rock and carved his name and the date –July 25, 1806. He named the formation after Pomp, the infant son of the expedition's Indian scout, Sacajawea. The landmark is 28 miles east of Billings, off I-94.

The journey undertaken by these two skilled pathfinders literally unlocked the West. In their footsteps came mountain men, fur traders, gold prospectors, land and cattle barons, cowboys, copper kings and countless other dreamers and fortune seekers. See page 14 for map showing route.

Furs

Within just a few years of Lewis and Clark's return to civilization, fur trappers spread into what is now Montana and established a vigorous business.

The western fur trade produced the first generation of American heroes whose exploits live on in western folklore. Mountain men like Jedidiah Smith, Kit Carson, John Colter, and Jim Bridger earned larger-than-life reputations and a permanent place in American history. Their exploits, usually exaggerated in the retelling, captured the nation's imagination. There were encounters with grizzly bears, "savages," and perilous journeys through mountains, across deserts and other formidable territory.

One of the best stories comes down to us from John Colter's winter odyssey through what is now the Jackson Hole–Grand Teton-Yellowstone Park area. Colter was a member of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. After the exploration, he returned to the region on his own to trap beaver. His description of the hot pots and geysers that gained national park status for Yellowstone earned him the reputation of a liar, and his credibility is debated even today, regarding his harrowing escape from Blackfeet Indians in the autumn of 1808. Colter claimed to have outrun and outwitted the warriors, then traveled 300 miles in 11 days with only a blanket for clothing, and one captured spear.

Beaver pelts were big business in the early 1800s but faded toward the middle of the century, partially because trappers over-harvested the west's furbearing animals and partially because silk garments replaced furs in popularity. By 1869, steamboats had carried more than 750,000 buffalo robes out of Montana, and nearly half that many wolf pelts.

Rush for Gold

When the boom in pelts died, the gold rush began. At Grasshopper Creek in 1862, the find was so rich it was said the miners could pull up sagebrush and shake a dollar's worth of dust from the roots. A brawling frontier town and Montana's first territorial capital–Bannack–sprang up around this rich gold strike. Its ghostly remains can still be seen at Bannack State Park, south of Dillon.

Towns of the gold rush era grew on gold. Within six years, the town of Confederate Gulch jumped from a population of zero to 10,000. By the seventh year, the gold was gone and the population dropped to 64.

Alder Gulch/Virginia City produced nearly $40 million of gold in their first five years. Over $14 million of silver was removed from the Elkhorn area; the Gold Creek claims yielded more than $20 million in gold in just ten years. Stagecoaches, saddlebags, and mule trains carried the gold out of Montana. Steamboats carted 120-150 tons of gold worth $75 million the 2,385 river miles to St. Louis; today's value

Pompeys Pillar *Donnie Sexton*

would be approximately one billion dollars.

People streamed into Montana Territory during the gold rush: the population went from 100 non-Indians in 1860, to 20,595 in 1870, to 40,000 in 1880, to 143,000 in 1890. They were soldiers escaping the carnage of the Civil War, adventurers, ne'er-do-wells, immigrants, successful businessmen, women, merchants, and thrill-seekers. Lawlessness was the rule, rather than the exception. When elected lawmen could not cope with the rampant crime, communities sometimes banded together into groups of "vigilantes" to combat bandits and road agents. It was during this era that ministers such as Brother Van, a Methodist minister, made the rounds to bring some semblance of comfort and faith into the mining camps.

Miners also contended with Indians, who were pushed to the limits of their endurance by the influx of whites. The most famous confrontation between white man and red man comes to life at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument on the Crow Indian Reservation in southeast Montana. It was here in 1876 that a Civil War commander named George Armstrong Custer and his troops lost their lives to an underestimated force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors (see pages 17-18).

Towns sprang up overnight then busted when the veins played out. But a few communities endured the bust cycle. Helena, now the state's capital, was at first typical of other "tent and shack" mining towns. However, its strategic location, agricultural potential, and extensive gold deposits contributed to its stability. Helena had at least 188 businesses within two years of the 1864 discovery of gold at Last Chance Gulch. By 1868 about $19 million of gold was taken out of the Helena area.

Muleskinners and Fire Canoes

Transportation in the raw Montana Territory was slow and fraught with difficulties. Mules and oxen were laden with supplies of all sorts, and driven from the western cities of Salt Lake, Portland, and Walla Walla to the new mining camps. A typical mule train consisting of about 25 animals was led by a bell mare and driven by two "muleskinners," famous for their invectives and obscene expletives.

Steamboats, called fire canoes by Indians, also carried goods to and from the territory. The treacherous Missouri River from St. Louis to Fort Benton was navigable for only a few months each summer, and captains became men of legend. Despite the hazards and mishaps, steamboats carried enormous quantities of cargo from about 1859 to 1888. More than 40,000 passengers came up the river along with 160,000 tons of freight. One steamer alone carried $1,250,000 in raw gold back to St. Louis. In the process, it is estimated that steamboats burned about 276,000 cords of wood—cottonwood cut by lonely "woodhawkers" from the banks of the Missouri. That is enough wood to build almost 27,000 three-bedroom houses today.

Montana ghost town *Travel Montana*

Copper Wars

Boom and bust. Boom and bust. The cycle has been repeated over and over again in Montana's history. After gold came silver and copper. Rich copper deposits in Butte lured some of the world's greatest capitalists to Montana in the 1860s and '70s. With names like Hearst, Rockefeller and Standard Oil backing them, three men—William Andrews Clark, Marcus Daly and F. Augustus Heinze built the greatest mining camp in the West. The "War of the Copper Kings" went beyond Butte. Control of Butte meant control of Montana's economy, political system, and newspapers. All were abused in the battle for power. It was a rollicking and rough period of Montana's history that had a pervasive impact on the state.

Butte is still regarded as "the richest hill on earth" and the trappings of its heyday have been preserved at attractions like the Clark Mansion, the World Museum of Mining, the Butte Historic District and the Berkeley Open Pit Copper Mine.

The Open Range

While bonanza seekers were duking it out for precious metals fortunes in the western portion of the state, cattle and sheep were driven in waves to the open ranges and rich grasses of central and eastern Montana. In 10 years, the cattle population rose from a few thousand to more than a million. Overcrowding and the cruel winter of 1886-87 killed most of them, and another Montana boom went bust. The era of the stockman is on display year-round at the 216-acre Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in Deer Lodge (see pages 20-21). This pioneer ranch was one of the first in the northwest. Owned by Johnny Grant in the 1850s and later by Conrad Kohrs, it produced meat for the mining camps and was the early social center of the community. The home ranch, still intact, was eventually unofficial headquarters for people living in an area covering more than a million acres.

Rails

In 1881, only 75 years after Lewis and Clark made the first organized expedition through this area on foot, Montana Territory was linked with the rest of the nation by rail. The first line through Montana, the Northern Pacific, reached from Lake Superior to the Pacific Coast. Within a few years, Jim Hill brought the Great Northern through. A hundred thousand immigrants used sledge hammers to pound down the parallel steel ribbons. The Great Northern advertised free government land in a region of "milk and honey" to lure settlers to its lines.

The completion of the railroad sealed the fate of both Indians and the American bison. The bison herds provided an abundance of meat and supplies the Indians depended on. But white railroad builders, hide hunters and sport hunters killed the bison in numbers that can only be described as slaughter. It is estimated that perhaps 13 million bison roamed the West before the hunt of the 1870s and '80s began. By 1883 there were fewer than 200 of the great animals in the entire West. Large numbers of Indians, in turn, died from malnutrition and starvation. Those who survived were confined to the seven Montana reservations that are now home to Assiniboine and Sioux, Blackfeet, Chippewa-Cree, Confederated Salish (Flatheads) and Kootenai, Crow, Assiniboine, Gros Ventre, and Northern Cheyenne.

Unperturbed by the slaughter and suffering, the people who settled Montana Territory were ready for statehood. On October 1, 1889, the voters of Montana approved a state constitution, and on November 8, Montana was proclaimed the 41st state of the Union.

Sodbusters

The combination of the rails and a worldwide industrial revolution brought the next great wave, the "sodbusters invasion", to Montana after the turn of the century. Montana's homesteaders, a mix of Americans and western Europeans, built what remains one of the state's leading industries to this day. They broke millions of acres of fertile grassland and transformed the Northern Great Plains into a rich grainbelt.

It was not without cost, though. First, cattle and sheep ranchers feuded with these newcomers who fenced fields. Then 11,000 farms were abandoned in eastern Montana during the drought years in the late teens and early '20s. Wheat production dropped from an average of 25 bushels an acre, to 2.4 bushels an acre in 1919. Between 1921 and 1925 half of all Montana farmers lost their farms by mortgage foreclosure.

Rebuilding was slow and cautious. Montana can and still does grow the best wheat in the world. We now produce between 135 and 140 million bushels of wheat annually.

Today's Economy

Mountains and timbered valleys, fertile plains and breathtaking landscapes make Montana more than a pretty place. These abundant natural resources have fueled the state's economy since it was first settled. Starting with furs in the early 1800s, Montana's economy has boomed periodically with gold, silver, copper and, more recently, coal, oil and gas. Today, Montana's "big four" industries are manufacturing, mining, agriculture and tourism.

The majority of manufacturers are engaged in processing the state's raw materials. Wood and paper products account for 45 percent of the personal income earned in the manufacturing sector; food and kindred products account for 9.7 percent.

Domestic energy development has become an increasingly important national goal. In 1984, mining contributed nearly $1.3 billion to the state, with fuel minerals–oil, coal, and natural gas–accounting for 64 percent of the total. Montana's current oil reserves are estimated at more than 188 million barrels. Nearly 22 million barrels of crude oil were produced in 1988. Montana ranks first in estimated coal resources and reserves; we have 25 percent of the nation's total and produced nearly 39,000 short tons of coal in 1988.

Mining in Montana began with the discovery of gold in the 1850s. Later, copper mining was a strong foundation of the state's economy. Montana is thought to have one of the nation's highest potentials for metals mining, with substantial known deposits of copper, gold, lead, molybdenum, platinum-palladium, silver, and zinc. Major industrial minerals are clays, gemstones, talc, and vermiculite.

Agriculture is big business in Montana. The average farm or ranch is about 2,453 acres. In 1989 agriculture contributed $1.77 billion to the state's economy. Cattle and wheat account for about three-quarters of the total. Montana is a national leader in the production of wheat, barley, sugar beets, dry beans, and alfalfa. Other products include oats, corn and potatoes.

Tourism is Montana's other major industry. This clean, renewable resource added about $658 million to Montana's economy in a 12-month period during 1988-89.

Conclusion

Only 200 years have elapsed since Montana was first mapped by Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. Montana achieved statehood on November 8, 1889–104 years ago. Its history is a young, accessible, "hands-on" history. It won't be found on dry parchment under glass in a musty, dark museum. Rather, it can still be seen at the National Bison Range, the Crow Indian Fair, the two-story outhouse at Nevada City, the

Charles M. Russell Art Auction, the Little Bighorn Battlefield, Helena's Last Chance Gulch, or at any number of annual festivals and celebrations bearing names like the Wild Horse Stampede, the Northeast Montana Threshing Bee and Antique Show, the Vigilante Parade, the Western Rendezvous of Art and the Festival of Nations.

We invite you to join us. And we'll make you welcome.

Famous Montanans

Gary Cooper–Motion picture actor. Born Frank James in Helena on May 7, 1901.

Chet Huntley–News commentator of Huntley-Brinkley fame. Born Chester Robert Huntley in Cardwell on December 19, 1911.

Myrna Loy–Motion picture actress. Born Myrna Williams in Radersburg on August 2, 1905.

George Montgomery–Motion picture and television actor. Born George Letz in Brady in 1916.

Jeanette Rankin –First woman elected to U. S . House of Representatives and only person to vote against U.S. entry in both WWI and WWII. Born near Missoula on June 11, 1880.

Stan Lynde–Cartoonist and creator of Rick O'Shay and Latigo. Born in Billings in 1931.

Evel Knievel–Daredevil. Born Robert Craig Knievel in Butte on October 17, 1938.

Patrick Duffy–Television actor, star of "Dallas." Born in Townsend on March 17, 1949.

Martha Ray–Motion picture actress. Born Margie Yvonne Reed in Butte on August 27, 1916.

Robert Scriver–Western artist and sculptor. Born in Browning in 1914.

Kenneth J. Ralston–Western artist born in Choteau in 1896. Went by J.K. Ralston.

Famous "Adopted" Montanans

Mike Mansfield–Statesman. Born in New York, then sent at an early age to live with relatives in Montana. Formerly a U.S. Senator from Montana, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to Japan for 11 years.

A.B. Guthrie, Jr.–Writer. Born in Indiana, he lived in Montana as a child. Graduated from Montana State University. Had a newspaper career in Kentucky but retired and returned to Montana to write. Won the Pulitzer Prize for his book, "The Way West." Also wrote "The Big Sky" and the screenplay for "Shane."

Charlie Russell–Painter and sculptor. Born in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1864, he came to Montana at the age of 15 to be a cowboy. He sketched, painted and sculpted the frontier he saw and became one of the most famous Western artists. His log cabin studio and home in Great Falls are open to the public. His art pieces are on display at the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Historical Society in Helena.

Jan Stenerud–Record-making NFL place kicker. Born in Norway, he attended Montana State University to play football and be on the ski team. He recently retired from football and moved back to Bozeman.

Charlie Russell *Doug O'Looney*

The Seasons of Montana

An optimist once said there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. In Montana, we have it all ...snowy white winters, cool wet springs, warm dry summers, and magnificent lingering autumns. No matter which season you choose, Montana is at its peak.

Skiers won't find better conditions anywhere. Montana's dry western climate combined with brisk winter temperatures and high elevations make unbeatable powder snow. In the spring, all that snow rushes down the mountains to feed the valleys below. The result is a dazzling splash of color painted in field after field

of wildflowers. In the summer, Montanans relax and enjoy long, sunny days with warm, dry temperatures. Autumn is a favorite because the days are warm, the nights cool and the air unbelievably fresh.

The hallmark of Montana's weather system is its changeability. It is not uncommon to experience a 60-degree spread from one day to the next. Because of its location in a chinook belt, central Montana's weather is the most changeable, on the average, of any area in the nation.

A chinook is a warm, dry, southwesterly wind that occurs on the downwind slope of any major mountain range. Montana's chinook belt extends about 150 miles east from the eastern slopes of the Rockies, making central Montana a highly changeable boundary layer between cold and warm air. When a good strong chinook replaces retreating arctic air, temperatures rise dramatically. Once, during a chinook, the temperature in Havre (in north-central Montana) rose 26 degrees in 45 seconds. Montana is also on record as having the greatest temperature spread. The difference between our lowest recorded temperature, minus 70 degrees, and our highest, 117 degrees is 187 degrees.

Montana Is Milder than Perceived

Generally, here is what you can expect of Montana's weather on a season-by-season basis:

Winter (December through early March) Cold spells in December usually don't last long because they are replaced by warm, chinook winds. In January and February, storms become more vigorous and winter gets down to business. While it can stay cold, the usual pattern alternates between cold and mild spells. Cold weather is more frequent over the eastern third of the state, while milder weather prevails to the west because of chinook winds. Winter in this northern climate lends itself to ideal skiing conditions because the dry powder that blankets the Rockies is generally not subject to freezing and thawing. And, while cold is not uncommon in the mountain valleys, ski slopes can extend into the mild air above, making Montana a skier's paradise.

Spring (late March through June) This is Montana's breezy, rainy season. Montana can still get snow in March and April, but by this time the sun is far enough north that our days are becoming warm. In May and June, the winds die down, the rain picks up, the sun is benign and the earth comes back to life. Buds appear, birds return to their summer home and wildflowers transform the winter landscape into a burst of color. Spring in Montana is an artist gone berserk.

Summer (late June through August) Summer is generally hot over the plains and mild in the mountainous west. Late afternoon thunderstorms are typical over the entire state. In the higher elevations, hikers and backpackers enjoy mild days and cool nights. This is the best time of year for a family vacation in Montana. Schools are closed, roads are dry and clear, and days are long and warm. And Montana's many attractions are waiting. Many communities stage summer festivals, shows, rodeos, parades and exhibits to celebrate our Western culture. And Montana's famed rivers are running clear and beautiful.

Autumn (September through November) Following a first cool, wet hint of winter around Labor Day is Montana's most enchanting season—a period of unseasonably warm weather that frequently extends into late November. It's Indian Summer, characterized by warm days, cool nights, fresh, crisp air and brilliant colors. Time to be outdoors. Time to hunt and fish. Time to wax skis, sharpen edges, chop wood and prepare for the next glorious cycle.

What to Wear

Bring a variety of clothing to stay comfortable in our changeable weather. Montana is seldom consistently hot or consistently cold. Every season holds some surprises. Montanans like to dress in layers so they can peel clothes off or add them until they are comfortable.

In the summer, shorts or light-weight slacks, sun dresses and short-sleeve shirts are the rule. If you spend much time outdoors, it's always wise to bring a light jacket. In the fall and again in the spring,

Cherry blossoms, Flathead Lake *Travel Montana*

wardrobes run from shorts and tops to wool pants and flannel shirts. The weather is variable so the Boy Scout rule applies here: Be prepared.

The only way to beat wool or polypropylene in the winter is with layers of them. You will find the best-dressed Montanans wearing insulated boots, socks, long underwear, pants, shirts, jackets, mittens and caps. Lighter-weight clothing is never out of reach, however, because mild periods are expected.

How To Watch a Rodeo

Practically every weekend during the summer, a rodeo can be found somewhere in Montana.

This truly Western sport began as the result of activities performed by the working cowboy on his day-to-day job. Calf roping was done when a calf had to be caught for doctoring and branding, and saddle bronc riding was performed when breaking a horse to ride.

It wasn't long before cowboys began gathering regularly to test their skills and prove who was the toughest cowboy and best rider. This contest usually took place after the annual roundup, and it was called a rodeo, the Spanish word for roundup.

In the 1880s, admission was charged for the first time and the sport developed rapidly as professional entertainment. Cowboys began traveling from rodeo to rodeo, and soon formed their own association. Over the years rodeo has developed into a series of eight events. These include bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, the wild horse race, and girls' barrel racing. A time limit of eight seconds was set for all riding events to maintain the health of the bucking stock.

An important part of the modern rodeo is the parade preceding it. It generally features horse-drawn vehicles, equestrian units, floats, drill teams, clowns, bands and antique cars. The parade provides an opportunity for the whole community to participate in rodeo activities.

The rodeo itself opens with the "grand entry." Mounted drill teams and rodeo royalty enter the arena and display the "colors." Then, the announcer's voice booms across the loudspeaker, "Let's go, let's show, let's rodeo!" and the events begin.

Saddle Bronc Riding originated on the ranch when it was necessary for the cowboy to obtain transportation the hard way. Saddle broncs are not trained to buck, but do so instinctively. The leather flank strap is an added inducement to buck. It is not painful, just annoying. The rider uses a braided rope called a "buck rein" and standard Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) saddle. He uses a swinging leg motion called a "lick" to keep rhythm and one hand in the air to keep his balance. A good rider will look as if he's in a rocking chair. Back on the ranch, cowboys would ride the broncs until they broke the horse or were bucked off. Today, in the rodeo arena, they have to stay on for only eight seconds. The bronc rider is judged on how well he rides and the animal on how well he bucks. Each can score up to 50 points with maximum for the ride being 100 points. Two men on horseback, called "pick-up men," are in the arena to help the cowboy dismount when the ride is over.

Bareback Riding horses are generally smaller, shiftier and faster than those used for saddle broncs. No stirrups or reins are used in this event. The rider has only a stiff leather strap that goes around the horse's belly, called a "rigging." The handhold on the rigging provides the cowboy his only means of staying on. The rider must spur the horse the entire 8 seconds and is disqualified if he touches the horse with his free hand or misses the horse with his spurs on the first jump. Again, a cowboy can receive a maximum of 100 points for his ride.

Calf Roping is a timed event and depends on harmony between the cowboy and his horse. The calf is given a 10-foot lead in this race. The cowboy must not break his rope barrier prematurely when coming out of the "box" or he will be penalized. It is the horse's job to position the cowboy near the speeding calf and enable the roper to bring him to a halt. Once the cowboy dismounts, the horse must work the rope to keep it taut while the cowboy downs the calf and ties three legs together.

Steer Wrestling is sometimes called "bull dogging." This event requires two people, a "dogger" and a "hazer." Doggers are among the most physical athletes in a very physical sport. While the hazer keeps the steer running in a straight line down the arena, the dogger must leap from a horse sprinting up to 25 miles per hour onto a 700-pound Mexican steer, grab it by the horns, stop it and wrestle it to the ground. This is a timed event, and the cowboy who can perform this task in the shortest amount of time wins.

Bull Riding is the ultimate contest between man and beast. A bull rider averaging 5'8" and 150 pounds is pitted against a 1,500 pound bull. PRCA rules require a one-handed ride with a loose rope. This flat, braided rope is placed around the bull's belly and then wrapped around the rider's hand so that it will fall off when the cowboy dismounts. The cowboy is not required to spur the bull during his eight-second ride, but spurring will add to his score. To a bull rider, rodeo clowns represent life itself. While they take time for fun and games, the clowns have one primary mission—to rescue cowboys. These "matadors" distract the bull once the cowboy is off, allowing him to escape any way he can.

Barrel Racing allows women to test their skills during the rodeo. In this event, women run highly-trained horses through a cloverleaf pattern at breakneck speeds. The main demand of the barrel racer is to recognize the conditions of the arena, then ride her horse in such a way that she can trim every hundredth of a second off her time. Barrel racing is a close, exacting, exciting contest and beautiful to watch. It takes a fast, agile horse and a skillful rider with exceptional horse sense.

The Wild Horse Race is a thrilling event included in many Montana rodeos. Unlike the bucking stock used in the standard riding event, these horses are truly wild. A team of two "muggers" must hold the horse long enough to saddle him and allow a third man to mount and ride him. There are usually two lines at opposite

ends of the arena which the rider must cross. The excitement of the other horses, muggers, riders and spectators adds to the fireworks.

The stock used in the rodeo plays an important role. A good bucking horse or a mean bull add considerably to the excitement of the contest. On the average, rodeo stock works about one hour out of the entire year.

Today's rodeo cowboy is a professional athlete. He competes for personal pride. It's man against animal in the ultimate contest and skills such as strength, balance, timing and coordination are required.

Friendship runs deep among rodeo cowboys. Danger and luck draw them together. They know no financial security and seek none. Cowboys pay their own way, putting up to $200 to enter a single event. Some only compete part-time and others will enter more than 100 rodeos in a single year.

Rodeo contestants compete for a "purse," and the top money-winning cowboys attend the National Finals Rodeo each December to compete for world championship titles.

Montana is the home of such unique rodeos as the All Girls Rodeo in Jackson, the All Indian Rodeo in Wolf Point, the Old Timers Rodeo in Roundup (where contestants must be at least 40 to enter), the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman and the Wild Horse Stampede in Wolf Point, the granddaddy of 'em all.

Those White Crosses Are There for a Reason

The white roadside crosses were put in place by the American Legion as a memorial to persons killed in highway accidents. The statewide program was launched by the legion in 1953, and today it is up to the 127 individual posts to continue the program in their area. The Montana Highway Department furnishes the Legion with the names of traffic accident victims and the location of the accidents. If more than one person died in an accident, all the crosses are mounted on a single pole.

The crosses cannot be placed along interstate highways because of highway department regulations. Besides serving as a memorial to traffic accident victims, these markers warn motorists of potentially hazardous sections of highway.

On the trail *Carla Hall*

CITY NAME QUIZ

Each of the following phrases is a clue to the name of a town in Montana.

1. A noted newscaster _____
2. A wounded animal _____
3. An animal home _____
4. An African explorer _____
5. A well-known circus _____
6. A small sweetheart _____
7. A line of toiletries _____
8. A very fleet animal _____
9. A part of New York bought from Indians for $24 _____
10. A fur trader _____
11. A ranch activity _____
12. A flower of infancy _____
13. A large snake _____
14. A warm, southwest wind _____
15. A small valley _____
16. A wide look _____
17. A geometric figure _____
18. A former TV sheriff _____
19. No. 18's former deputy _____
20. A hill standing alone _____
21. A colorless vertebrate _____
22. A severed money institution _____
23. A double overpass _____
24. A starving mammal _____
25. A caretaker of sheep _____
26. An exterior view _____
27. Solomon's request _____
28. Abundant fuel _____
29. Much above average _____
30. Holds up a person's pants _____
31. Indian footwear _____
32. Next door to heaven _____
33. Multiple tableware _____
34. Custer's regimental song _____
35. The Trojan war was fought in _____
36. Uncivilized _____
37. First U.S. Treasurer _____
38. Flip Wilson's impersonation _____
39. Bookkeeping form _____
40. A type of bean _____
41. Name of a nuclear submarine _____
42. To split _____
43. Type of tree or bug _____
44. The Russian capitol _____
45. A vacuum cleaner brand _____
46. Get on your knees and _____
47. Invoices _____
48. Distance (+ City) _____
49. Big stone _____
50. Large forest _____
51. Colorless corridor _____
52. Flaming inn _____
53. Large ice cube (+ West) _____
54. Founder of psychoanalysis _____
55. What water does in the freezer _____
56. One who grows flowers _____
57. Small waterfall _____
58. A tree whose foliage was used to make crowns _____
59. A cigarette brand _____
60. Unmarried girl _____

Answers on following page

Reference Books

Additional Montana-specific information can be found in the following books.

Available from:
Montana Geographic Series
P.O. Box 5630, Helena, MT 59604
406-443-2842 or 800-821-3874 (Montana)
800-654-1105 (nationwide)

Montana Mountain Ranges
Rick Reese, ed.

Eastern Montana, A Portrait of the Land and Its People
by John A. Alwin

Montana Wildlife
by Robert C. Gildart

Glacier Country, Montana's Glacier National Park
by Alt, Buchholtz, Gildart, and Frauson Western

Montana, A Portrait of the Land and the People
by John Alwin

Greater Yellowstone, the National Park and Adjacent Wildlands
by Rick Reese

Beartooth Country, Montana's Absaroka and Beartooth Mountains
by Bob Anderson

Montana's Missouri River
by R.C. Gildart

Montana's Explorers, the Pioneer Naturalists
by Larry Thompson

Montana's Yellowstone River
by Bill Schneider

Montana's Indians Yesterday and Today
by William L. Bryan, Jr.

Montana's Continental Divide
by Bill Cunningham

Islands on the Prairie
by Mark Meloy

Flathead Country
by Robert C. Gildart

We Montanans
by Norma Tirrell

Available from:
Falcon Press
P.O. Box 1718, Helena, MT 59624
406-442-6597 or 800-582-2665

Great Escapes, Montana State Parks
by Rick Newby

Angler's Guide to Montana
by Michael S. Sample

Floater's Guide to Montana
by Hank Fischer

Hiker's Guide to Montana
by Bill Schneider

Rockhound's Guide to Montana
by Bob Feldman

Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide
by Carol and Hank Fischer

Montana National Forests
by Gary Ferguson

Alpine Wildflowers
by Dee Strickler

Forest Wildflowers
by Dee Strickler

Prairie Wildflowers
by Dee Strickler

Beartooth Fishing Guide
by Pat Marcuson

Climber's Guide to Montana
by Pat Caffrey

Hiker's Guide to Montana's Continental Divide Trail
by Tad Brooks and Sherry Jones

Hunter's Guide to Montana
by Mark Henckel

Available at bookstores or by special order:
Ghost Towns of Montana
by Donald Miller, Mountain Press, Missoula, 1982

Journals of Lewis and Clark
Bernard DeVoto, ed., Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston, 1953

Montana: A History of Two Centuries
by Michael P. Malone and Richard B. Roeder, University of Washington Press, Seattle, 1976

MONTANA CITY NAME QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Huntley
2. Lame Deer
3. Deer Lodge
4. Livingston
5. Ringling
6. Wibaux
7. Avon
8. Antelope
9. Manhattan
10. (Jim) Bridger
11. Roundup
12. Rosebud
13. Anaconda
14. Chinook
15. Dell
16. Broadview
17. Circle
18. (Matt) Dillon
19. Chester
20. Butte
21. Whitefish
22. Cut Bank
23. Twin Bridges
24. Hungry Horse
25. Shepherd
26. Outlook
27. Wisdom
28. Plentywood
29. Superior
30. Belt
31. Moccasin
32. Paradise
33. Three Forks
34. Garryowen
35. Troy
36. Savage
37. (Alexander) Hamilton
38. Geraldine
39. Ledger
40. Lima
41. Trident
42. Divide
43. Box Elder
44. Kremlin
45. Eureka
46. Pray
47. Billings
48. Miles City
49. Boulder
50. Big Timber
51. Whitehall
52. Red Lodge
53. West Glacier
54. Froid
55. Hardin
56. Gardiner
57. Cascade
58. Laurel
59. Winston
60. Maiden

Accommodations

CITY/ZIP	NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE	ROOMS	REST.	R.S.	LNG	ENT.	S.P.	A/C	HNDCP.	COMP.	PARKING	RATE	COMMENTS
BIG SKY 59716	Best Western Buck's T-4 Lodge US Hwy 191 P.O. Box 160279 995-4111 800-822-4484 (outside)	41	▼	▼	▼				▼	▼	▼	$$$	VCR and movie rentals, laundry facilities, jacuzzis, T-shirt shop, meeting rooms. Horseback riding, fishing, whitewater rafting, golfing, snowmobiling nearby.
BILLINGS 59101	Best Western Ponderosa Inn 2511 1st Ave. N. P.O. Box 1791 (59103) 259-5511 800-628-9081	130	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	$$$	Saunas, fitness room, in-room coffee, welcome reception, meeting rooms, downtown location, NTA and ABA member.
	Billings Comfort Inn 2030 Overland Ave. (59102) 652-5200	60	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, game room, nearby shopping mall. NTA member.
	Billings Ramada Inn I-90, exit 446 1223 Mullowney Ln. 248-7151 800-228-2828	240	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Sauna, jacuzzi, water slides, welcome reception, meeting room.
	Daystop Motel 843 Parkway Ln. 252-4007	46	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	
	Elliott Inn 1345 Mullowney Ln. 252-2584 800-333-6311	116						▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Complimentary Continental Plus breakfast, adjacent to Billings Night Rodeo.
	Holiday Inn Billings Plaza I-90, exit 446 5500 Midland Rd. 248-7701 800-637-3670	317	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Atrium lobby with waterfall, whirlpool, sauna, exercise room, welcome reception, convention facilities, gift shop.
	Quality Inn Homestead 2036 Overland Ave. (59102) 652-1320 800-544-4444	120	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Rates include full breakfast and complimentary evening snacks, remote control HBO TV, hot tub.
	Radisson Northern Hotel Broadway at 1st Ave. N. P.O. Box 1296 (59103) 245-5121 800-822-3384	160	▼	▼	▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Downtown landmark hotel. Welcome reception, complimentary breakfast for escort and driver. Gift shop.
	Sheraton Billings Hotel 27 N. 27th St. 252-7400 800-325-3535	289	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Nautilus fitness center, jacuzzi and sauna, meeting rooms, gift shop, downtown location. NTA member.
	Super 8 Lodge 5400 Southgate Dr. (59102) 248-8842 800-800-8000	115						▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Located near I-90, complimentary toast and juice bar, waterbeds, suites, remote control cable TV. NTA and ABA member.
BOZEMAN 59715	Blue Sky Motel 1010 E. Main St. 587-2311 800-845-9032	26	▼					▼			▼	$$	Jacuzzi.
	Bobcat Lodge 2307 W. Main St. 587-5241	60	▼				▼		▼	▼	▼	$$$	Meeting room, gift shop, across street from shopping mall.
	Bozeman Fairfield Inn 828 Wheat Dr. 587-2222	63	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, elevator. Ski resorts nearby. NTA member.
	The Bozeman Inn 1235 N. 7th Ave. 587-3176 800-648-7515	49	▼		▼		▼	▼		▼	▼	$$$	Coffee in lobby, outdoor hot tub, executive suite.
	Holiday Inn Bozeman 5 Baxter Lane 587-4561 800-366-5101	178	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Nautilus exercise equipment, jacuzzi, meeting room, banquet facilities. Located near I-90. NTA member.

REST. ..... Restaurant, on property or within walking distance
R.S. ..... Room Service
LNGE. ..... Lounge, on property
ENT. ..... Live Entertainment

S.P. ..... Swimming pool
A/C ..... Air conditioning in rooms
HNDCP. ..... Handicapped facilities
COMP. ..... Complimentary room for escort
PARKING ..... Bus parking on property

***$** ..... Under $30
***$$** ..... $30-$40
***$$$** ..... Over $40
*Rates are based for 1992, based on double occupancy

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BUTTE 59701	Best Western Butte Plaza Inn 2900 Harrison Ave. 494-3500 800-543-5814	134	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	New rooms, welcome reception, central location, complimentary European breakfast.
	Best Western Copper King Inn 4655 Harrison Ave. S. 494-6666 800-332-8600	146	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Welcome reception, jacuzzi, sauna, exercise room, indoor tennis courts, gift shop. NTA member.
	Super 8 Motel 2929 Harrison Ave. 494-6000 800-800-8000	104	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Complimentary coffee and cinnamon rolls daily, baggage service upon request.
	Townhouse Inns of Butte I-90 & I-15, exit 127 2777 Harrison Ave. 494-8850 800-442-4667	150	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Welcome reception, complimentary coffee and donuts, laundry facilities, sauna, spa, remote TV, gift shop, meeting rooms. Built in 1986. ABA member.
COLUMBIA FALLS 59912	Ol' River Bridge Inn 7358 Hwy 2 E. P.O. Box 969 892-2181 800-845-3411	31	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	$$$	Color TV, 24-hour movies, casino, gift shop.
COLUMBUS 59019	Columbus Super 8 602 E. 8th Ave. N. P.O. Box 88 322-4101 800-442-4667	72	▼		▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Welcome reception, casino, meeting room, suites, kitchenettes, guest laundry. ABA member.
CONRAD 59425	Conrad Super 8 Motel 215 N. Main St. 278-7676 800-442-4667	48	▼		▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Welcome reception, casino, complimentary coffee, laundry facilities, kitchenette rooms, game room, meeting rooms. ABA member.
DILLON 59725	TownHouse Inns of Dillon 450 N. Interchange P.O. Box 666 683-6831 800-442-4667	48	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Welcome reception, cable, laundry, complimentary continental breakfast, recreation area. ABA member.
ENNIS 59729	Hickey's Four Seasons Motel 222 Main St. P.O. Box 687 682-4378	20	▼				▼				▼	$$	Jacuzzi, in-room coffee.
EUREKA 59917	Ksanka Motor Inn US Hwy 93 & 37 P.O. Box 959 296-3127 800-624-0966	30	▼	▼	▼			▼		▼	▼	$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, HBO, bakery/deli, mini mart, gas station, gift shop on premises.
FORSYTH 59327	Best Western Sundowner Inn 1018 Front St. P.O. Box 1080 356-2115 800-332-0921	40	▼					▼		▼	▼	$$$	Cable TV, HBO, in-room coffee. Black Hills Gold jewelry shop, indoor Olympic pool nearby, free agate samples.
	Rails Inn Motel 3rd & Front St. P.O. Box 205 356-2242 800-621-3754	49	▼	▼	▼			▼	▼		▼	$$	Indoor hot tub, free passes to local indoor swimming pool.
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK 59434	Glacier Park, Inc. East Glacier Park, MT 59434 226-5551 (May - Sept.) 602-207-6000 (Oct. - Apr.) Dial Tower Phoenix, AZ 85077-0925												One comp room with each 25 paid guests. Gift shop at each location. Phones in all rooms. Hotels open early June to mid-September. NTA member.
	Glacier Park Lodge East Glacier Park	154	▼		▼	▼	▼			▼	▼	$$$	Full-service resort with scenic 9 hole golf course. Big tree lobby, meeting rooms, hayrides, campfire cookouts. Across from Amtrak depot.
	Lake McDonald Lodge 12 mi E. of West Glacier	100	▼		▼	▼				▼	▼	$$$	Lakeside location, hunting lodge atmosphere.
	Many Glacier Hotel 12 mi W. of Babb Most central location	208	▼		▼	▼			▼	▼	▼	$$$	Lakeside location, Swiss chalet atmosphere, hiking, boat cruises, horseback riding, fishing.
	Prince of Wales Hotel Waterton Lakes National Park	81	▼		▼	▼				▼	▼	$$$	Overlooks Waterton Lake, storybook gabled hotel, English atmosphere.

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GLACIER PARK (cont.)	Rising Sun Motor Inn 7 mi W. of St. Mary entrance	72	▼						▼	▼	▼	$$	Overlooks St. Mary Lake.
	Swiftcurrent Motor Inn 12 mi W. of Babb	88	▼		▼				▼	▼	▼	$$	Near Swiftcurrent Lake, many hiking trails, coffee shop. Shares amenities with Many Glacier Hotel.
GLASGOW 59230	Cottonwood Inn US Hwy 2 E. P.O. Box 1240 228-8213 800-321-8213	92	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Welcome reception, banquet facilities, HBO, miniature golf course, jacuzzi, sauna, gift shop, meeting rooms.
GREAT FALLS 59401	Best Western Heritage Inn 1700 Fox Farm Rd. (59404) 761-1900 800-548-0361 (US) 800-548-8256 (Canada)	246	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	French quarter area with pool, hot tubs, saunas, game room, pool table. Gift shop, casino, meeting rooms. Near I-15. NTA and ABA member.
	Best Western Ponderosa Inn 220 Central Ave. 761-3410 800-528-1234	105	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Welcome reception, complimentary coffee in lobby, 27-channel TV, downtown location, meeting rooms. NTA and ABA member.
	Great Falls Comfort Inn 1120 9th St. S. (59403) 454-2727	64	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, game room. NTA member. Golf and fishing nearby.
	Great Falls Fairfield Inn 1000 9th Ave. S. (59405) 454-3000	63	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Complimentary continental breakfast. NTA member.
	Mid-Town Motel 526 2nd Ave. N. 453-2411	40	▼	▼				▼		▼	▼	$$	Meeting rooms, Perkins Family Restaurant.
	Rainbow Hotel 20 3rd St. N. 727-8200 800-548-9974	91	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼		▼	▼	$$	Welcome reception, Movie channel, downtown location, meeting rooms, casino, gift shop. NTA and ABA member.
	Sheraton Inn Great Falls 400 10th Ave. S. (59404) 727-7200 800-257-1998	163	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Welcome reception, HBO, movie channel, 7 story atrium lobby, meeting rooms, shopping center nearby. NTA and ABA member.
	Super 8 Lodge 1214 13th St. S. 727-7600 800-800-8000	117	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Shopping center nearby. Complimentary toast and juice bar, waterbeds, suites, cable TV.
	TownHouse Inns of Great Falls 1411 10th Ave. S. (59405) 761-4600 800-442-4667	105	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Welcome reception. NTA and ABA member.
GREGSON 59711	Fairmont Hot Springs 1500 Fairmont Rd. 797-3241 800-443-2381	158	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	18 hole golf course, tennis courts mineral water soaking pools, wildlife zoo, horseback riding, the great outdoors.
HAMILTON 59840	TownHouse Inns of Hamilton 1115 N. 1st 363-6600 800-442-4667	65	▼		▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Welcome reception, spas, saunas, fitness room, guest laundry. ABA member.
HAVRE 59501	El Toro Inn 521 1st St. 265-5414 800-422-5414 (in Montana)	41	▼					▼		▼	▼	$$	HBO, microwaves and mini refrigerators in rooms. Pets allowed; located downtown.
	Le Havre TownHouse Inns 629 W. 1st St. 265-6711 800-821-2521 (in Montana) 800-442-4667 (outside)	108	▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Welcome reception, HBO, complimentary coffee. ABA member.
HELENA 59601	Aladdin Motor Inn 2101 11th Ave. 443-2300 800-541-2743	72	▼		▼		▼	▼		▼	▼	$$	Indoor pool, hot tub, steam room, weight room, meeting rooms, near I-15.
	Best Western Colonial Inn 2301 Colonial Dr. 443-2100 800-422-1002	149	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Welcome reception, nightly buffets plus full menu, sauna, indoor/outdoor pool, exercise room, meeting rooms, gift shop, near I-15.

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HELENA (cont.)	Days Inn 2001 Prospect Ave. 442-3280 800-325-2525	96	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	
	Helena Comfort Inn 750 Fee St. (59623) 443-1000	56	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, game room. Skiing nearby. NTA member.
	Jorgenson's Holiday Motel 1714 11th Ave. P.O. Box 857 (59624) 442-1770	117	▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Cable remote TV, shopping center next door, guest rooms built in 1988.
	King's Carriage Inn 910 N. Last Chance Gulch 442-6080 800-521-2743 (in Montana)	125	▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Saunas, meeting rooms, casino, 24-hour restaurant. Located on Last Chance Gulch.
	Park Plaza Hotel 22 N. Last Chance Gulch 443-2200 800-332-2290 (in Montana)	71	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Located on downtown pedestrian mall, walking distance to theaters, shops, galleries, outdoor dining in summer months. NTA member.
KALISPELL 59901	Aero Inn 1830 Hwy 93 S. 755-3798 FAX 752-1304 800-843-6114	61	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, hot tub and sauna.
	Best Western Outlaw Inn 1701 Hwy 93 S. 755-6100 800-247-9707	224	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Welcome reception, tennis and racquetball courts, casino, gift shop. NTA and ABA member.
	Blue & White Motel 640 E. Idaho St. P.O. Box 249 755-4311 800-382-3577	107	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, sauna, jacuzzi, satellite TV, meeting room.
	Four Seasons Motor Inn 350 N. Main St. 755-6123 800-545-6399	101	▼					▼		▼	▼	$$$	Jacuzzi.
	Friendship Inn 1009 Hwy 2 E. 257-7155 800-759-2576	30	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Hot tub, kitchenettes, coin-op laundry, seasonal rates. Near downtown, Woodland Park, Conrad Mansion.
LEWISTOWN 59457	Park Inn International 211 E. Main St. P.O. Box 939 538-8721 800-437-7275	124	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Welcome reception, walking tours available, gift shop. NTA member.
LIBBY 59923	Venture Motor Inn 443 Hwy 2 W. 293-7711 800-221-0166	72	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Banquet facilities, meeting rooms.
LIVINGSTON 59047	Yellowstone Motor Inn 1515 W. Park 222-6110 800-826-1214	99	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Meeting rooms.
MILES CITY 59301	Best Western War Bonnet Inn 1015 S. Haynes Ave. P.O. Box 1055 232-4560	54	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, welcome reception, near I-94.
	Buckboard Motel 1006 S. Haynes Ave. 232-3550 800-525-6303	57	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	All ground floor rooms, all queen beds, complimentary continental breakfast, cable TV. Near I-94.
	Friendship Inn and Olive Hotel 501 Main St. 232-2450 800-424-4777	59	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Adjacent to shopping and city park, meeting rooms.
MISSOULA 59801	4 B's Inn North/South 4953 N. Reserve St. 3803 Brooks St. 251-2665 800-272-9500	146	▼					▼	▼		▼	$$$	Hot tub, gift shop. 4 B's restaurant open 24-hours.

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MISSOULA (cont.)	Holiday Inn Missoula-Parkside 200 S. Pattee St.(59802) 721-8550 800-HOLIDAY	200	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Riverside location, gift shop, cable TV, convention facilities. NTA member.
	Reserve Street Inn 4825 N. Reserve St. (59802) 721-0990 800-221-2057	112	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Complimentary continental breakfast and soup/ dessert bar, HBO, Showtime, casino, creekside location, meeting rooms.
	Southgate Inn 3530 Brooks St. 251-2250 800-533-2250 (in Montana) 800-247-2616 (outside)	81 81	▼ ▼				▼ ▼	▼ ▼		▼ ▼	▼ ▼	$$$ $$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, HBO/cable, sauna, hot tub, exercise room, near shopping mall. 24-hour desk and coffee.
	Super 8 Motel 3901 S. Brooks St. 251-2255 800-800-8000	104	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Golfing and shopping nearby, complimentary continental breakfast, step-on city tour guide available.
	Val-U Inn 3001 Brooks St. 721-9600 800-443-7777	84	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, adjacent to large shopping mall.
	Village Red Lion Motor Inn 100 Madison St. (59802) 728-3100	172	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Riverside location, near university, convention facilities, gift shop. NTA member.
PLENTY-WOOD 59254	Sherwood Inn 515 W. 1st Ave. 765-2810	69	▼		▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Customer laundry facilities, 24-hour desk and phone, gift shop, beauty salon, cable TV.
POLSON 59860	KwaTaqNuk Resort at Flathead Bay 303 US Hwy 93 E. 883-3636 800-882-6363	112	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Summer boat tours on Port Polson Princess, 18 hole golf course nearby. Gift shop on premises.
	Port Polson Inn Hwy 93 E. P.O. Box 1411 883-5385 800-654-0682	44	▼					▼		▼	▼	$$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, HBO/cable, hot tubs, sauna, exercise room, great views of Flathead Lake.
	The Schiefelbein Haus 6395 E. Shore Hwy 35 887-2431	11	▼		▼					▼	▼	$$	
RED LODGE 59068	Beck's Alpine Motel US Hwy 212 N. P.O. Box 471 446-2213	15	▼						▼	▼	▼	$$	
	Best Western Lupine Inn 702 S. Hauser P.O. Box 30 446-1321	46	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	HBO, meeting room.
	Rock Creek Resort US Hwy 212 Rt. 2 Box 3500 446-1111	78	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Located near northeast entrance to Yellowstone Nat'l Park, at base of Beartooth Scenic Highway.
	Super 8 Motel 1223 S. Broadway HC 49, Box 3375 446-2288 800-800-8000	50	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Outside deck area, HBO, complimentary continental breakfast, meeting room.
	Yodeler Motel 601 S. Broadway P.O. Box 1336 446-1435	23	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	In-room steam baths and hot tubs. AAA-rated.
SEELEY LAKE 59868	Wapiti Resort & the historic Elkhorn Cafe & Motel US Hwy 83 P.O. Box 565 677-2775 or 677-2278	17	▼		▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Complete restored Olde Town on site, gift shop. Variety of recreation nearby.
	Wilderness Gateway Inn US Hwy 83 S. P.O. Box 661 677-2095	19								▼	▼	$$	All queen beds.

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ST. MARY 59417	St. Mary Lodge and Resort Jct. Hwy 89 Going-To-Sun Rd. 732-4431 (May-Oct.) 208-726-6279 (Nov.-Apr.) 800-GLC-PARK (in Montana)	70	▼		▼	▼					▼	$$$	Gift shop, store, deli, modified American plan available. Located at east entrance to Glacier National Park.
THREE FORKS 59752	Sacajawea Inn 5 N. Main St. P.O. Box 648 285-6515 800-821-7326	33	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Historic hotel in downtown location, complimentary continental breakfast, meeting room, fine dining.
WEST YELLOW-STONE 59758	Brandin' Iron Motel & RV Park 201 Canyon P.O. Box 669 646-9411 800-231-5991	77	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	2 hot tubs, small refrigerator in all rooms, meeting room, 19 RV spots available also. Three star AAA rating.
	City Center Motel 214 Madison Ave. P.O. Box 580 646-7337 800-742-0665	25	▼							▼	▼	$$$	Hot tub, meeting room with deluxe kitchen and big screen TV, gift shop.
	Stage Coach Inn 209 Madison Ave. P.O. Box 160 646-7381 800-842-2882	87	▼		▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Full-service hotel with western decor, cable TV, welcome reception, gift shop. NTA and OMCA member. Located at west entrance to Yellowstone National Park.
WHITEFISH 59937	Alpinglow Inn 3900 Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1770 862-6966	54	▼					▼		▼	▼	$$$	Continental breakfast included in room rate. Full service dining room in winter. Resort setting, TV, phones, gift shop.
	The Big Mountain Central Reservations 3910 Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1400 862-3511 800-858-5439	269	▼		▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Full-service year-round resort, accomodations range from economy to luxury rooms, rates vary. Gondola/chairlift ride daily.
	Grouse Mountain Lodge 1205 Hwy 93 W. 862-3000 800-321-8822	145	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Cable TV, located next to golf course, gift shop. NTA member.
	Kandahar Lodge Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1659 862-6098 FAX 406-862-6095	50	▼	▼						▼	▼	$$$	Two spa areas with jacuzzis, beautiful lobby with fireplace, gift shop. Gondola rides, horseback riding, tennis. NTA member.
	Quality Inn - Pine Lodge 920 Spokane Ave. P.O. Box 2069 862-7600	76	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Opened June 1992. Gift shop.
YELLOW-STONE NATIONAL PARK, WY 82190	TW Recreational Services Group Tour Office Yellowstone Nat'l Park, WY 82190 307-344-7901												NTA, ABA, and TIAA member. One comp room for each 15 paid rooms. Dumpsite at Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful.
	Canyon Lodge & Cabins Yellowstone National Park 307-344-7901	570	▼		▼					▼	▼	$$$	Total cabin lodging near the Lower Falls of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Open mid-June - late August.
	Grant Village West shore of Yellowstone Lake 307-344-7901	299	▼		▼				▼	▼	▼	$$$	Lakeside property, AAA approved, gift shops. Open early June - late September.
	Lake Yellowstone Hotel and Cabins North shore of Yellowstone Lake 307-344-7901	296	▼		▼	▼			▼	▼	▼	$$$	Historic hotel, recently renovated, gift shops, elevator. Facilities include cabins and hotel rooms. Open late May - mid-September.
	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Cabins 5 mi from north entrance 307-344-7901	220	▼		▼					▼	▼	$$$	Hotel and cabin facilities. Elevator in hotel, gift shop. Open late May - mid-September and mid-December - early March for winter season.
	Old Faithful Inn 30 mi from west entrance 307-344-7901	320	▼		▼	▼				▼	▼	$$$	Historic log hotel within walking distance of Old Faithful Geyser. Gift shops. Open early May - mid-October.

Restaurants

CITY/ZIP	NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE	TYPE	MEALS	SEATING	BANQUET ROOMS	CREDIT CARDS	SEASONS AND HOURS	COMP. MEALS	RSTRMS.	HNDCP.	BUS PARKING	COMMENTS
ANACONDA 59711	Embassy Club 1601 Montana 1 West 563-7029	SD	LD	88		MC VI DSC	noon-10pm		▼		▼	Full menu; chicken, fish and homemade spaghetti. Lounge on premises.
	Reno Club 100 Main St. P.O. Box 968 563-6247	SD	D	150	▼	MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 5pm-10pm Sun. 4pm-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Prime rib, steaks and chicken. Lounge on premises.
BASIN 59631	Silver Saddle Restaurant Main St. P.O. Box 74 225-9995	SD FF	BLD	55	▼		8am-8pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in old mining town, uranium health mines nearby. Lounge on premises. Friday-Mexican, Sunday-primerib.
BELGRADE 59714	The Red Baron Drive-In 101 S. Broadway P.O. Box 828 388-4764	SD FF	LD	78			Daily May-Sept. 10am-10pm Oct.-Apr. 10am-8pm	TE BD	▼		▼	
BIGFORK 59911	Flathead Lake Lodge BBQ 170 Flathead Lake Lodge Rd. P.O. Box 248 837-4391	BU	LD	200	▼	AE MC VI	Daily May-Oct. 11am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Western ranch barbeques served buffet style, located on lakeshore. Boat cruises available.
	The Harbor 425 Grand Ave. P.O. Box 799 837-5550	SD	BLD	130		AE MC VI	Daily 7am-1am	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Overlooks Bigfork Bay, downtown in the village. Motel upstairs. Lounge on premises.
BIG SKY 59716	Best Western Buck's T-4 Lodge US Hwy 191 P.O. Box 160279 995-4111 800-822-4484	SD	BLD	64	▼	AE CB MC VI	June-Sept. Nov.-April 7am-9:30pm	TE	▼	▼	▼	Two restaurants and two lounges under one roof. Rustic decor. Wild game served.
	The Corral 42895 Gallatin Rd. Gallatin Gateway 59730 995-4249	SD	BLD	60		MC VI	Daily 7am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	True Montana roadhouse. Lounge on premises.
BIG TIMBER 59011	Frye's Cafe US Hwy 10 West P.O. Box 670 932-5242	SD CS	BLD	120	▼	VI DC MC DSC	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Daily lunch specials. Low salt/fat dishes. Reasonably priced home cooking. Lounge on premises.
BILLINGS 59102	The Athenian 18 N. 29th St. (59101) 248-5681	SD	LD	70		MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 11am-10pm Closed Sun.	TE BD	▼	▼		Authentic Greek food, beer and wine served.
	Cattins Family Dining 2525 1st Ave. N. (59103) 252-3362	SD CS	BLD	90	▼	AE DC MC VI	Daily 24 hours	TE BD	▼		▼	Lounge on premises. Adjacent to Best Western Ponderosa Inn.
	The Cattle Company Rimrock Mall 656-9090	SD	LD	50		AE MC VI	Daily 11:30am-3:30pm 5pm-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Beef and seafood specialties. Lounge on premises. Contact corporate office at LTM, Ltd., P.O. Box 7189, Fargo, ND 58109
	CJ's Restaurant 2456 Central Ave. 656-1400	SD	LD	120	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Daily 11:30am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Patio dining, lounge on premises. Barbeque specialty.
	Elmer's Pancake & Steakhouse 875 Main St. 245-0333	SD	BLD	180	▼	MC VI DSC	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Group discounts.
	Elmer's Pancake & Steakhouse 2455 Central Ave. 656-8292	SD	BLD	180	▼	MC VI	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Group discounts. Daily specials.

BU ..... Buffet/Smorgasbord
CS ..... Coffee Shop
FF ..... Fast Food
SD ..... Sit Down Dining

B ..... Breakfast
L ..... Lunch
D ..... Dinner
AE ..... American Express

CB ..... Carte Blanche
DC ..... Diners Club
MC ..... MasterCard
VI ..... Visa

Y ..... Yes
N ..... No
TE ..... Tour Escort
BD ..... Bus Driver

RESTAURANTS

CITY/ZIP	NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE	TYPE	MEALS	SEATING	BANQUET ROOMS	CREDIT CARDS	SEASONS AND HOURS	COMP. MEALS	RSTRMS.	HNDCP.	BUS PARKING	COMMENTS
BILLINGS (cont)	Firepit Dining Room 1223 Mullowney Ln. 248-7151	SD	BLD	140	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Daily 6am-2pm 5pm-11pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	Dining room overlooks swimming pool. Lounge on premises. Daily specials.
	Fossen's Family Restaurant 5435 Midland Rd. 259-4378	SD	BLD	86		AE VI MC	Daily 6am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located off I-90. Close to motels.
	Fuddruckers Off I-90 at King Ave. exit 2011 Overland Ave. (59102) 656-5455	SD	LD	250		AE VI DC MC	Daily 10:30am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Discount for senior citizens. Beer and wine served. Patio and pond with wildliffe.
	Godfather's Pizza 503 24th St. W. (59102) 652-3150	SD BU	LD	120		MC VI	Mon.-Thurs. 11am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-midnight Sun. noon-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Group discounts. Beer and wine served.
	Godfather's Pizza 905 E. Main St. (59102) 252-0865	SD BU	LD	140	▼	MC VI	Same as above		▼	▼	▼	Group discounts. Beer and wine served.
	The Granary 1500 Poly Dr. 259-3488	SD	D	80	▼	AE DC MC VI	Daily 5:30pm-10:30pm		▼		▼	Located in old granary mill. Lounge on premises.
	Hide-a-way Cafe 6126 Hwy 312 373-5100	SD	BLD	100			Daily 8am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Country atmosphere, famous chicken fried steak. Lounge on premises. Close to downtown.
	Janich Deli 1600 Main St. 420 Alkali St. (59105) 248-4777	CS	L	45			Mon.-Fri. 10am-6pm Sat. 9am-6pm Sun.11am-6pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Chinese, Cambodian and Vietnamese cuisine.
	Juniper Restaurant 1315 N. 27th St. 245-4128 800-826-7530	SD	BLD	88		AE DC MC VI	7am-9pm	TE	▼	▼	▼	
	Marco Polo Gardens 1502 Grand Ave. (59102) 248-6713	SD FF CS BU	LD	200	▼	MC VI AE DC	Daily 11am-10:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Authentic Mandarin Chinese and American cuisine. No MSG.
	McDonald's Restaurant 1046 Grand Ave. P.O. Box 2257 (59103) 245-4749	FF	BLD	140			Daily 6am-11pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	
	McDonald's Restaurant 2333 Central Ave. P.O. Box 2257 (59103) 245-4749	FF	BLD	140			Daily 6am-11pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	
	McDonald's Restaurant 1524 Main St. P.O. Box 2257 (59103) 245-4749	FF	BLD	140			Daily 6am-11pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	
	McDonald's Restaurant Rimrock Mall P.O. Box 2257 (59103) 245-4749	FF	BLD	88			Daily 6am-11pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Muzzle Loader Cafe 4912 Laurel Rd. P.O. Box 30795 (59103) 248-8608	SD	BLD	85		MC VI DC	6am-midnight	TE BD	▼		▼	Famous chicken fried steak. Lounge on premises. "A Billings Tradition Since 1958"
	Perkins Family Restaurant and Bakery 825 N. 27th St. (59103) 248-8320	SD	BLD	230	▼	VI MC	24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Quick bus service, fresh baked products, lite and healthy entrees.
	Perkins Family Restaurant and Bakery I-90, exit 446 765 S. 20th St. W. 656-6640	SD	BLD	160		VI MC	24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Quick bus service, fresh baked products, lite and healthy entrees.

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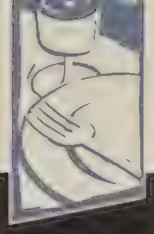
BILLINGS (cont)	Recipes Restaurant/Holiday Inn 5500 Midland Rd. 248-7701	SD BU	BLD	180	▼	AE CB VI DC MC DSC	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Luncheon buffets, Early Bird Special. Lounge on premises.
	Showbiz Pizza Place Rimrock Village 656-4171	SD	LD	100		MC VI	Daily 11:30am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Direct access to shopping mall, children's rides and games. Contact corporate office at LTM, Ltd., P.O. Box 7189, Fargo. ND 58109.
	Skyview Terrace Logan International Airport (59105) 256-8445	SD BU CS	BLD	125	▼	AE VI DC MC	Daily 6am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Group discounts, remodeled in 1992. lounge on premises.
	Taco Bell 2325 Central Ave. 656-9165 1423 Main St. 259-9116	FF	LD	50			Winter 10am-11pm Summer 10am-midnight	TE BD	▼		▼	
	Vinnie's Italian Kitchen 119 N. Broadway 256-8484	SD	LD	128	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Mon.-Thurs. 11am-2:30pm 5pm-9pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-10pm		▼	▼		Traditional Italian restaurant in downtown location, courtyard patio. Beer and wine served.
BLACK EAGLE 59414	Borries 1800 Smelter Ave. P.O. Box B 761-0300	SD	D	140	▼		Open Mon.-Fri. 5pm Sat.4pm, Sun.3pm Close whenever business is over		▼	▼	▼	American/Italian cuisine. Lounge on premises.
	3-D International 1825 Smelter Ave. P.O. Box A 453-6561	SD	D	200	▼	MC VI DSC	Mon.-Thurs. 5pm-10:30pm Fri.-Sat. 5pm-11pm Sun. 4pm-10pm	TE	▼	▼	▼	Chinese, Italian, American cuisine. Family-owned, established in 1946. Lounge on premises.
BOZEMAN 59715	Apple Tree Restaurant 712 Wheat Dr. P.O. Box 3809 (59772) 586-1748	SD	BLD	140		VI MC	24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located off I-90, exit 306. Beautiful mountain view.
	Bacchus Pub/Pasta Company 105 W. Main St. P.O. Box 159 586-1314	SD BU	BLD	175	▼	AE MC VI DSC	Mon.-Sat. 7am-9pm		▼	▼		Lounge on premises. Located in the historic Baxter Hotel. Pub features soup, salad and sandwiches. Pasta Company features Italian cuisine.
	Banana Bay Main Mall 2825 W. Main St. 587-0484	SD	LD	100	▼	AE MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 11:30am-2:30pm 5:30pm-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Tropical atmosphere. Lounge on premises.
	Best Western Gran Tree Inn I-90 at 7th Ave. exit 1325 N. 7th Ave. 587-5261 800-624-5865	SD CS	BLD	100	▼	AE DC VI CB MC DSC	6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Buffet on request. Lounge on premises. NTA member. Buffet upon request.
	Cantrell's Holiday Inn 5 Baxter Ln. 587-4561 800-366-5101	SD	BLD	100	▼	AE CB DC MC VI	Daily 6am-2pm 5pm-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Great buffets and Sunday brunch Lounge on premises.
	Carito's 1511 W. Babcock 586-3547	SD	LD	65		MC VI	Tues.-Sat. 11:30am-2pm 5:30pm-10pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in 1900s farmhouse. Mexican and barbeque food.
	Frontier Pies 302 N. 7th Ave. 586-5555	SD	BLD	113		VI MC	Sun.-Thur. 7am-10pm Fri.-Sat. 7am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	In-house bakery, frontier decor. fresh pies daily.
	Gallatin Gateway Inn 12 mi SW of Bozeman on US Hwy 191 P.O. Box 376, Gallatin Gateway 59730 763-4672	SD	BD	72	▼	AE MC VI	Daily 7am-11am 5:30pm-9:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Historic 1927 railroad hotel, restored to its original grandeur. Gourmet dining. Lounge on premises.



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BOZEMAN (cont)	Godfather's Pizza University Square 200 S. 23rd Ave. 586-8551	SD BU	LD	120		VI MC	Mon.-Thurs. 11am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-midnight Sun. noon-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Beer and wine served. Group discounts.
	McDonald's Restaurant 1503 W. Main St. P.O. Box 1255 587-2506	FF	BLD	170			Sun.-Thurs. 6am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in a shopping center with unlimited parking. Award winning McDonald's.
	McDonald's Restaurant N. 7th Ave. & I-90 P.O. Box 1255 586-6756	FF	BLD	140			Sun.-Thurs. 6am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Motels nearby. Easy access off I-90. Award winning McDonald's. Area artwork exhibited.
	Rax Restaurant 1122 W. Main St. 586-0332	FF SD	LD	150			Sun.-Thurs. 10:30am-10pm Fri.-Sat. 10:30am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Group discount with advance notice.
	Tom's Green Grill 319 N. 7th Ave. P.O. Box 3809 (59772) 586-0500	SD	BLD	105	▼	MC VI	24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	1950's motif; ice cream specialties.
	Village Inn Pizza Parlor 806 N. 7th Ave. 587-1111	FF BU	LD	100	▼		11:30am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Pizza/pasta/salad bar buffet. Beer and wine served.
BROADUS 59317	Montana Bar & Cafe Inc. 111 E. Wilson P.O. Box 116 436-2454	SD	BLD	150	▼		Mon.-Sat. 5am-10pm		▼		▼	Homemade pies, breakfast rolls, soups.
BUTTE 59701	Columbia Gardens Coffee Shop and Savoy Fine Dining 4655 Harrison Ave. S. 494-6666 800-332-8600	SD CS	BLD	15	▼	AE DC MC VI DSC	Sun.-Thurs. 6am-10pm Fri.-Sat. 6am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in Copper King Inn. Lounge on premises. Twilight menu. Specialty-BBQ ribs Mon.-Sat.
	Godfather's Pizza 200 Dewey Blvd. 494-1313	SD BU	LD	105		MC VI	Mon.-Thurs. 11am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-midnight Sun. 11am-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Group discounts.
	Gold Rush Casino / Galena Lounge 22 W. Galena 723-3211	SD BU CS	BLD	130	▼	MC VI AE	24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Video gaming, live keno, live poker, daily specials. Lounge on premises. Located uptown.
	Jacalyn's 3502 Harrison Ave. 494-3851	SD	BLD	150	▼	AE DC MC VI	Daily 7am-11pm Lounge 10am-2pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Italian, seafood, pasta, veal, steaks. Lounge on premises. Serving Butte for 40 years.
	Lydia's Supper Club 5 Mile Harrison Ave. 494-2000	SD	D	200	▼	MC VI DSC	5:30pm- 10:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	One family ownership for 57 years. Antique stained glass collection. Lounge on premises. Italian.
	4 B's Restaurant 2777 Harrison Ave. 494-8850 800-442-4667	SD CS	BLD	100		VI MC	24 hours		▼	▼	▼	See corporate headquaters listing under Missoula. Located in hotel complex. Lounge adjacent.
CHARLO 59824	Allentown Restaurant 41000 Hwy 93 644-2588	SD	BLD	110	▼	DC VI MC	Daily 7:30am-11pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located next to Ninepipe Wildlife Refuge; 9 mi. from National Bison Range. Aged choice beef, fresh seafood and pasta. Lounge on premises.
CHOTEAU 59422	Choteau Steakhouse 208 Main St. P.O. Box 771 466-2600	SD CS	BLD	104	▼		Daily 6:30am-9pm		▼	▼	▼	Downtown location, historical Choteau House Hotel, 100-year-old business. Lounge on premises.
	Log Cabin 102 S. Main St. P.O. Box 1006 466-2888	SD	BLD	120	▼	MC VI	Daily 6am-10pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	Built from an old cabin; antiques, old photographs and artifacts.
CLINTON 59825	Ekstrom's Stage Station Just off I-90 at exit 126 Rt. 1, Box 1010 825-3183	SD	BLD	70		VI MC	April-Nov. 8am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Historic stagecoach station, homemade baked goods. Lounge on premises.

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DEER LODGE 59722	Broken Arrow Steakhouse & Casino 317 Main St. 846-3400	SD	D	90	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	5pm-11pm	TE BD	▼			Fine dining and casino fun. Lounge on premises.
	Scharf's Restaurant 819 Main St. 846-3300	SD	BLD	100	▼	AE MC DC CB VI	6am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Near Towe Ford Museum, Old Montana Prison and Grand-Kohrs Ranch. Lounge on premises.
DILLON 59725	Dillon Kentucky Fried Chicken 530 N. Montana P.O. Box 166 683-4003	SD FF	LD	45			Sun.-Thurs. 11am-9pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Hamburgers, pork chop sandwiches, seafood, frozen yogurt. Decor features quality western art available for purchase.
EAST GLACIER PARK 59434	Summit Station US Hwy 2 at Marias Pass P.O. Box 167 226-4428	SD	BLD	40		MC VI	9am-9pm Closed Monday		▼		▼	Located in historic 1906 train depot on south edge of Glacier Park. Scenic views, wildlife viewing. Lounge on premises.
EUREKA 59917	Ksanka Bakery and Deli Junction US Hwy 93 and Montana 37 P.O. Box 919 296-3127 800-624-0966	SD FF CS	BL	16		AE DC CB MC VI	Daily 4:30am-11pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Bakery, deli and convenience store.
	3C's Restaurant & Lounge 8250 US HWY 93 N. 889-3654	SD	BLD	50	▼	MC VI	Sun.-Thurs. 8am-10pm Fri.-Sat. 8am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located near Roosville border crossing, next to duty free shop. Lounge on premises.
FLORENCE 59833	Jayne's 5303 US Hwy 93 S. 273-9921	SD BU	LD	300	▼	MC VI	11am-10pm	TE	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises.
FORSYTH 59327	Rails Inn Cafe 3rd and Front St. P.O. Box 205 356-2242 800-621-3754	SD	BLD	66	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Daily 5am-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Daily specials. Lounge on premises.
GARDINER 59030	Cecil's Restaurant & Gift Shop 3rd & Park St. P.O. Box 105 848-7561	SD CS	BLD	110		VI MC DSC	May 15-Oct. 15 7am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located next to Yellowstone Park entrance. Buffalo burgers, steaks, chicken, trout. Beer and wine served.
GARRISON 59731	Rough Country Steakhouse & Lounge N. Frontage Rd. at junction US Hwy 12 and I-90 P.O. Box 607 846-3267	SD	LD	60		MC VI	Reservations only noon-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Reservations only, 24-hour notice. Lounge on premises. Small specialty item craft shop.
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK 59921	Ceder Dining Room Lake McDonald Lodge P.O. Box 52, Lake McDonald 226-9311 800-332-9351 (in MT)	SD	BLD	125	▼	VI MC	Early June-mid-Sept. 6:30am-9:30am noon-2pm 5:30pm-9pm		▼	▼	▼	Located on McDonald Lake with view of mountains. Orginally built as a private retreat. Soup and sandwich lunch specials, dinner specials. Lounge on premises. NTA member.
	Glacier Village Restaurant 304-308 Hwy 2 E. Box 126, East Glacier Park (59434) 226-4464	SD BU CS	BLD	85			May-Sept. 6:30am-9pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Across from Glacier Park Lodge. Beer and wine served. Fresh baked products.
	Goat Lick Steak & Rib House Glacier Park Lodge Box 147, East Glacier Park (59434) 226-9311 800-332-9351 (in MT)	SD	BLD	150	▼	VI MC	Early June-mid-Sept. 6:30am-9:30am noon-2pm 6pm-9pm		▼	▼	▼	Chicken & ribs Western BBQ & steaks with beans, corn on the cob, Indian fry bread. Golf course, park tours on rollback top scenic coaches. Live entertainment during dinner. "Big Tree" lodge. NTA member.
	Lake McDonald Coffee Shop Lake McDonald Lodge P.O. Box 52, Lake McDonald 226-9311 800-332-9351 (in MT)	CS	BLD	80		VI MC	Early June-early Oct. 7am-9pm		▼		▼	Located on Lake McDonald Lake with view of mountains, west side of park. Beer served. NTA member.
	Ptarmigan Dinning Room Many Glacier Hotel Box 147, East Glacier Park (59434) 226-9311 800-332-9351 (in MT)	SD	BLD	250	▼	VI MC	Early June-mid-Sept. 6:30am-9am noon-2pm 5pm-9pm		▼	▼	▼	Located on Swiftcurrent Lake with view of mountains. Swiss chalt atmosphere. Singing waiters and waitresses. Soup and sandwich lunch special, dinner special. Lounge on premises. NTA member.

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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK (cont)	Rising Sun Coffee Shop 7 mi W of St. Mary entrance Box 147, East Glacier Park (59434) 226-9311 800-332-9351 (in MT)	CS	BLD	80		VI MC	Early June-mid-Sept. 7am-9pm		▼		▼	Located in mountain setting on Going to the Sun Road, near St. Mary Lake. Beer served. NTA member.
	Swiftcurrent Coffee Shop Swiftcurrent Lake Box 147, East Glacier Park (59434) 226-9311 800-332-9351 (in MT)	CS	BLD	80		VI MC	Early June-mid-Sept. 7am-9am noon-2:30pm 4:30pm-9pm		▼		▼	Located in mountain setting at hub of hiking trails. Beer served. NTA member.
GLASGOW 59230	Cottonwood Inn Restaurant US Hwy 2 E. P.O. Box 1240 228-8213 800-321-8213	SD	BLD	250	▼	AE DC MC VI CB	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises.
GLENDIVE 59330	Jordan Hotel 223 Merrill Ave. P.O. Box 741 365-5655 800-824-5067	SD CS	BLD	300	▼	AE DC CB MC VI DSC	Daily 6am-9:30pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located near Makoshika State Park. Art, moss agate collection on display. Lounge on premises. Excellent seafood, steaks and chops.
	Twilite Dining & Lounge 209 N. Merrill Ave. 365-8705	SD	BLD	60	▼	VI MC AE	Sun.-Thurs. 7am-10pm Fri--Sat. 7am-11pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	Daily lunch specials, western-grown beef. Lounge on premises.
GREAT FALLS 59401	Bebops Bar & Grill Holiday Village Shopping Center 727-2333	SD FF	BLD	150		AE MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 7:30am-9pm Sun. 9am-6pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	50's style decor. Pizza, gyros, burgers, salads. Lounge and casino on premises.
	Bootlegger Trail Restaurant 400 10th Ave. S. (59404) 727-7200 800-257-1998	SD CS	BLD	385	▼	AE CB MC VI DC	6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Formal and casual dining, specialty menus, senior discounts, shopping mall nearby. Lounge and casino on premises. Located in Sheraton Hotel.
	Broker Restaurant & Lounge Rainbow Hotel #20 3rd St. N. 727-8200 800-548-9974	SD	BLD	50	▼	AE DC CB MC VI DSC	6am-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Sunday brunch, Friday night seafood buffet. Lounge on premises. Historic property.
	Cattin's Family Dining 2001 10th Ave. S. 727-6874	SD	BLD	121	▼	AE DC CB MC VI DSC	24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Elmer's Pancake & Steakhouse 1600 Fox Farm Rd. 761-2400	SD	BLD	180	▼	VI MC DSC	Daily 6am-10pm Summer 6am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located next to the Heritage Inn right off I-15. Breakfast, lunch, dinner served all day.
	Godfather's Pizza 1300 10th Ave. S. (59404) 761-7722	SD BU	LD	110		VI MC	Mon.-Thurs. 11am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-midnight Sun. noon-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Group discounts. Beer and wine served.
	The Jack Club 1512 Vaughn Rd. P.O. Box 411 452-2207	SD	D	150	▼	VI MC DSC	Mon.-Sat. 4:30pm-10pm Sun. 3:30pm-10pm	TE	▼		▼	Over 30 years in business. World War I poster collection. Italian cuisine. Lounge on premises.
	O'Haire Restaurant 7th St. & 1st Ave. S. P.O. Box 7388 454-2141 800-332-9819 (US) 800-543-9819 (Canada)	SD CS	BLD	50	▼	AE MC VI DC DSC	Mon.-Fri. 6am-8pm Sat. 7am-8pm Sun. 7am-3pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Downtown, close to Russell Museum. Lounge on premises.
	Perkins Family Restaurant 526 2nd Ave. N. 453-2411 800-457-2411	SD	BLD	95	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Daily 6am-9pm	TE BD	▼			Located in Mid-Town Motel in downtown Great Falls.

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GREAT FALLS (cont)	Ponderosa Inn Restaurant 220 Central Ave. 761-3410	SD CS	BLD	114	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Central location. Special meals for groups, buffets, barbeques. Karaoke nightly in lounge.
	Townhouse Inns of Great Falls 1411 10th Ave. S. (59405) 761-4600	SD	BLD	200	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Sun.-Thurs. 6am-9pm Fri.-Sat. 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in Townhouse Inn hotel. Lounge on premises. Buffet on request. Italian and Mexican.
GREENOUGH 59836	Loran's Clearwater Inn Junction of 200 & 83 P.O. Box 20 244-9535	SD	BLD	150			9am-midnight	TE BD	▼		▼	Lounge on premises. Located on scenic route between Glacier and Yellowstone.
HAMILTON 59840	A & W Family Restaurant 919 N. 1st 363-2310	FF SD	LD	55			11am-11pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Unique rootbeer served in frosty mugs.
HAVRE 59501	Iron Horse Restaurant 335 1st St. P.O. Box 1641 265-7891	SD	BLD	250	▼	MC VI	6am-9pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located downtown next to shops, banks and casinos. Motel in building.
HELENA 59601	Bar-B-Que Heaven 2058 Euclid 449-2244	SD	LD	47			Daily 11am-9pm		▼	▼	▼	Hickory and mesquite smoked, old west style deep pit barbeque. Prime rib Friday, Saturday evening.
	Colonial Restaurant 2301 Colonial Dr. 443-2100 800-422-1002	SD BU	BLD	154	▼	AE CB DC MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 6am-10pm Sun. 6am-9pm	TE	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises. Easy access off I-15 and Hwys 287 and 12. Located in Best Western Colonial Inn. Senior citizen rates.
	The Exchange Supper Club Montana City Exit (4 mi S on I-15) 224 12th Ave. 449-8890	SD	BLD	150	▼	VI MC	Mon.-Fri. 10am-2am Sat.-Sun. 8am-2am	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises. Rocky Mountain oysters served.
	Frontier Pies of Helena 1231 Prospect Ave. 442-7437	SD	BLD	118		VI MC	Sun.-Thurs. 7am-10pm Fri.-Sat. 7am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	On US Hwy 12 near Capitol. Rustic frontier style dining atmosphere.
	Frontier Town 16 mi. W. on US Hwy 12 P.O. Box 836 442-4560	SD BU	LD	300	▼	AE VI MC	April-Oct. 5pm-10pm Sun. & Holidays noon-8pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located atop Continental Divide. 75 mile view. Large gift shop, chapel, bar plus much more.
	Godfather's Pizza 2216 N. Montana Ave. 443-7050	SD BU	LD	140		VI MC	Mon.-Thurs. 11am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-midnight Sun. noon-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Group discounts. Limited video gaming. Beer and wine served.
	Jorgenson's Restaurant & Lounge 1720 11th Ave. 442-6380 800-272-1770	SD	BLD	125	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 6:30am-10pm (9pm winter) Sun. 6:30am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Daily specials. Near capitol and shopping center. Lounge on premises.
	The Montana Club 24 W. 6th Ave. P.O. Box 637 442-5980	SD	LD	300	▼	AE DC MC VI	9am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼		Established in 1885, on National Register of Historic Places. Continental gourmet cuisine. Lounge on premises.
	Nite Owl 3108 Euclid 449-4997	SD	D	200	▼	VI MC	4pm-11pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Established in 1934. Rustic atmosphere. Lounge on premises.
	Staggering Ox 400 Euclid Ave. 443-1729	SD FF	LD	65			Weekdays 9am-8pm Sat. 10am-8pm Sun. 11am-6pm		▼		▼	Unique patented sandwich bun. Clubfoot sandwiches a specialty. 2nd location in downtown Helena, also in Missoula.
	Stonehouse Restaurant 120 Reeder's Alley P.O. Box 316 449-2552 800-772-2925	SD BU	LD	120	▼	VI MC DC CB	Mon.-Sat. 11:30am-2pm Sun.-Thurs. 5:30pm-9pm Fri.-Sat. 5:30pm-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located in historic Reeder's Alley, built in 1870's. Beer and wine served, 4 different theme rooms, specialty shops.

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HELENA (cont)	Uncle Ron's High Country Cafe 3122 US Hwy 12 E. P.O. Box 5265 (59604) 442-2332	SD CS	BLD	95		AE VI MC	Daily 24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Country atmosphere. Good food, fast.
	Victor's 22 N. Last Chance Gulch 443-2200 800-332-2290	SD	BLD	80	▼	AE CB VI MC DC	Mon.-Sat. 6:30am-2pm 5pm-9pm Sun. 9am-8pm		▼	▼	▼	Located in Park Plaza Hotel on pedestrian mall. Outdoor patio dining during summer months. Lounge on premises.
	Village Inn Pizza Parlor 1830 Prospect Ave. 443-1111	FF BU	LD	100	▼		11:30am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Beer and wine served. Pizza/pasta/salad bar buffet. Buffet with advance notice min. 25 people.
KALISPELL 59901	Bulldog Steakhouse 208 1st Ave. E. 752-7522	SD	LD	125		AE VI MC	Mon.-Sat. 11am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Fine steaks and seafood. Unique Irish pub atmosphere.
	Fenders 4090 US Hwy 93 N. P.O. Box 2830 752-3000	SD	LD	100	▼	AE VI MC	11:30am-3pm 5pm-10:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Antique car booths and other antiques of interest. Located in country with view of mountains and landscapes.
	Finnegan's Family Restaurant 660 E. Idaho 756-7144	SD	BLD	147	▼	AE VI MC	24 hours	TE	▼		▼	Breakfast served 24 hours a day. Daily specials. Special menus available for groups.
	Four Seasons Restaurant 350 N. Main St. 755-1374	SD CS	BLD	100		MC VI	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located in Four Seasons Motor Inn. Daily specials. Newly remodeled.
	Fred's Family Restaurant 1600 US Hwy 93 S. 257-8666	SD	BLD	160		MC VI	Sun.-Thurs. 5:45am-midnight Fri.-Sat. 5:45am-2am	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Breakfast buffet, kids/seniors menus. Located near 5 motels. A flathead valley tradition for over 40 years! Contempoary western decor, casual yet elegant.
	Hennessy's Restaurant & Lounge 1701 US Hwy 93 S. 755-6100	SD CS	BLD	160	▼	AE CB VI MC DC	Daily 6am-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Located in Best Western Outlaw Inn. NTA member. Half-price meals for tour escort and bus driver.
	Ho Wun II Restaurant 302 S. Main St. 752-3525	SD	LD	100	▼	AE VI MC DSC	Mon.-Thurs. 11am-9:30pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-10:30pm Sun. 4pm-9:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Chinese and American cuisine.
	Homemade Heaven 1031 W. Idaho 257-3737	SD	BLD	125		MC VI	Sun.-Tues. 6am-10pm Wed.-Sat. 24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located nest to truck stop complex. Good homemade food.
	Little Big Men Pizza 285 N. Main St. P.O. Box 1345 (59903) 755-7711	SD	LD	136	▼	AE VI MC	Daily 11am-11pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Beer and wine served, casino. Located at junction of US Hwy 2 and 93 in downtown Kalispell.
	Moose's Saloon 173 N. Main St. 755-2337	SD	LD	175			Daily 11am-2am	TE BD	▼			Soup, salad, sandwich and pizza. World famous Western bar with sawdust on floor and swinging doors. Beer and wine served.
	Pancho Magoo's 1301 US Hwy 93 S. 755-4778	SD CS	BLD	100	▼	AE VI MC	Daily 7am-2am	TE BD	▼		▼	Discounts for groups. Early American decor with many antiques. Some Mexican dishes. Lounge on premises.
	Scoreboard Pub-Diner-Casino 75 Woodland Park Dr. 756-8888	SD	BLD	50		MC VI	6am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Complete menu including Mexican, Italian. Daily specials. Lounge on premises.
	Taco John's 150 N. Main St. 257-2345	FF	LD	65			Mon.-Thurs. 10:30am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 10:30am-1am	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Mexican fast food.
LEWISTOWN 59457	Snow White Cafe 122 W. Main St. 538-3666	SD	BLD	100	▼		5:30am-9pm Closed Mon.	TE BD	▼		▼	Established in 1946. Large murals of rural Montana. Specialty is cooking from scratch.
	Yogo Garden Restaurant 211 E. Main St. P.O. Box 939 538-8721	SD	BLD	135	▼	AE CB VI DC MC	Mon.-Sat. 6am-10pm Sun. 6am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises. Plaque on floor designating exact center of Montana.

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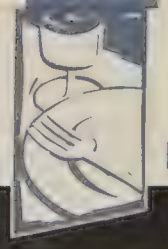
LIBBY 59923	Beck's Montana Cafe 2425 US Hwy 2 W. 293-6687	SD	BLD	60		AE VI MC	Daily Summer 8am-10pm Winter 8am-8pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Broasted chicken specialty. Country decor.
	Venture Motor Inn Restaurant 443 US Hwy 2 W. 293-7711 800-221-0166	SD CS	BLD	75	▼	AE CB VI DC MC	Mon.-Fri. 6am-10pm Sat. 8am-10pm Sun. 8am-3pm	BD	▼		▼	Great salad bar, special huckleberry desserts. Lounge on premises.
LINCOLN 59639	Seven Up Ranch Montana 200, 5 mi east of Lincoln P.O. Box 295 362-4255	SD BU	D	200	▼	AE MC VI	Apr.-Dec. Tues.-Sat. 5pm-10pm Sun. 2pm-10pm Dec.-Apr. Fri.-Sun. 5pm-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Daily specials. Breakfast/lunch can be planned in advance. Complete log structure, cabins available. Lounge on premises.
LIVINGSTON 59047	Calamity Janes 106 E. Park St. P.O. Box 648 222-1071 222-2255	SD	D	40	▼	AE MC VI	Tues.-Sat. 5pm-9pm	TE BD	▼			Steaks and seafood. 1800s atmosphere. Open Sunday/Monday by special arrangement. Historic downtown district.
	Paradise Inn I-90 & US Hwy 89, exit 333 P.O. Box 684 222-6320 800-437-6291	SD CS	BLD	150	▼	VI MC	6am-10:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises. American and Mexican cuisine. On direct route to Yellowstone National Park.
	Trail Ride Inn 1306 E. Park St. P.O. Box 648 222-1071	SD	BLD	100	▼	MC VI	Daily 7am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Family restaurant. Beer and wine served.
	Yellowstone Motor Inn 1515 W. Park St. 222-6110 800-826-1214	SD	BLD	100	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Winter 7am-9pm Summer 6am-10pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises.
MILES CITY 59301	McDonald's 1120 S. Haynes Ave. 232-0775	FF	BLD	117			Sun.-Thurs. 6am-11pm Fri.-Sat 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Easy access off I-94. Children's indoor playground.
	600 Cafe 600 Main St. 232-3860	SD	BLD	200	▼	MC VI	Daily 5am-10pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises. Close to Range Rider museum
MISSOULA 59807	Encore Restaurant 200 S. Pattee St. 721-8550	SD CS	BLD	110	▼	AE DC CB MC VI	Daily 7am-2pm 5:30pm-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in Holiday Inn Missoula - Parkside. Lounge on premises.
	Finnegans Family Restaurant 700 E. Broadway (59807) 542-2752	SD	BLD	135	▼	VI MC AE	24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Built over Rattlesnake Creek. Mexican selection.
	Frontier Pies of Missoula 3309 Brooks 543-0055	SD	BLD	225	▼	VI MC	Sun.-Thurs. 7am-10pm Fri.-Sat. 7am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Rustic frontier atmosphere with antique decor. Homestyle specialties.
	Godfather's Pizza Holiday Village Shopping Center Brooks & Stephens (59807) 721-3663	SD BU	LD	140	▼	VI MC	Mon.-Thurs. 11am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-midnight Sun. noon-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Group discounts, daily specials. Beer and wine served.
	Godfather's Pizza 3521 Brooks 721-4664	SD BU	LD	120	▼	MC VI	Mon.-Thurs. 11am-11pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-midnight Sun. noon-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Group discounts. Beer and wine served.
	Jokers Wild Bar & Restaurant 4829 N. Reserve St. 549-4403	SD	BLD	300	▼	AE DC MC VI	Daily 6am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Unique decor with jester costumes. Clown figurines in gift shop. Lounge on premises.



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MISSOULA (cont)	King's Table Southgate Mall 728-6040	BU	LD	250	▼	VI MC	Daily 11am-8:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Contact corporate office at 915 118th Ave. S.E., Suite 390 Bellevue, WA 98005, 206-637-8996 or 800-872-8398.
	The Lily Restaurant 515 S. Higgins Ave. 542-0002 800-773-5459	SD	BLD	60	▼	AE DC MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 11am-2pm Tues.-Sat. 5pm-9:30pm	TE BD	▼			Continental gourmet cuisine, daily specials. Turn-of-the-century tea room atmosphere. Adjacent to downtown and university.
	Lucky Strike Casino & Restaurant 1515 Dearborn P.O. Box 2670 (59806) 549-4166	SD	BLD	100		MC VI	6am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises.
	McDonald's Restaurant 720 E. Broadway 728-8692	FF	BLD	96			Daily 6:30am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	McDonald's Restaurant 1565 Liberty Ln. 728-0743	FF	BLD	90			Daily 6:30am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Montana Pie Co. 910 Brooks 728-7437	SD	BLD	140	▼	VI MC DSC	Daily 7am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Full menu with fresh baked pies, frontier decor with antiques and collectibles.
	Muralts Plaza Cafe Junction I-90 & US Hwy 93 N. 8196 Hwy 93 N. (59802) 728-8182	SD	BLD	120		VI MC AE	24 hours	TE	▼		▼	Easy access off I-90. Adjacent to Days Inn motel. Casino and large convenience store. Bus fuel and cleaning available. Lounge on premises.
	Press Box 835 E. Broadway (59802) 721-1212	SD	BLD	250	▼	AE MC VI	Daily 6am-10:30pm		▼			Casino and sports bar.
	The Rhinoceros 158 Ryman 721-6061	SD	L	50		MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 11am-7pm		▼			Primarily a bar. Groups accommodated with advance notice. Sandwiches and soup served.
	The Shack Restaurant 222 W. Main St. 549-9903	SD	BLD	100	▼	DC CB MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 7am-10pm Sun. 7am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼		1880s Western/Victorian decor furnished with antiques. Beer and wine served.
	Sizzler 3611 Brooks 728-5334	SD	LD	275	▼	AE VI MC	Mon.-Sat. 11am-10pm Sun. 9am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Discount for senior citizens.
	Village Inn Pizza Parlor 3520 Brooks 543-1111	FF BU	LD	140	▼		11:30am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Beer and wine served. Pizza, pasta, salad bar buffet, casino. Request advance notice for groups.
	Zimorino's Red Pies Over Montana 424 N. Higgins Ave. (59802) 728-6686 549-7434	SD BU	LD	100	▼	MC VI	Sun.-Thurs. 5pm-10pm (Winter 9pm) Fri.-Sat. 5pm-10:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼		Luncheon buffets available, reservations required. Italian food & pizzas. Beer and wine served.
PARADISE 59254	Quinn's Paradise Resort 190 Montana 135, mile marker 19.5 P.O. Box 219 826-3150	SD	BLD	70	▼	MC VI	Fri.-Sun. 9am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located at Quinn's hot springs, log restaurant built in 1947-48. Prime rib specialty. Lounge on premises. Open weekdays by appointment.
PHILIPSBURG 59858	Kaiser House Restaurant 217 E. Broadway P.O. Box 97 859-3953	SD	BLD	50	▼	MC VI	Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-9:30pm Sat.-Sun. 9:30am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	1887 opera house, unique decor, antiques. In-house bakery, varied ethinic cuisine.
POLSON 59860	Pondera Bar & Restaurant 315 Main St. 883-4829	SD	BLD	155	▼	MC VI	8am-11:30pm		▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises.
PRAY 59065	Chico Hot Springs Lodge 30 mi. N of Yellowstone, off US Hwy 89 Drawer D 333-4933	SD BU	BLD	150	▼	VI MC DSC	8am-11pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Beautiful mountain setting. Built in 1900. Early American lodge and natural hot springs. Lounge on premises. All group meals custom designed to fit your needs.
RAVALLI 59863	Bison Inn Restaurant US Hwy 93 N. P.O. Box 1043 745-4268	SD BU	BLD	100	▼	MC VI	Daily 8am-8pm March-Nov.	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located on main highway to Glacier Park, National Bison Range and Flathead Lake. Buffalo and huckleberry specialties. Beer served.

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RED LODGE Largest 59068	Natali's Cafe & Lounge 115 S. Broadway P.O. Box 49 446-3333	SD	LD	65	▼	VI MC AE	Daily 11am-10pm (Winter 9pm)	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Italian, German and Japanese food. Jim Beam bottle collection on display. Lounge on premises.
	Old Piney Dell at Rock Creek Resort US Hwy 212 Rte. 2, Box 3500 446-1111	SD	BLD	108	▼	AE DC MC VI	7am-2pm 5pm-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises. Located at base of Beartooth Scenic Highway, close to northeast entrance to Yellowstone Park.
RONAN 59864	The Rabbit Tree Inn 401-411 Main St. 676-4000 or 676-4500	SD	LD	154	▼	MC VI	Daily 10:30am- midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Breakfast served by appointment only. Sunday brunch, lamb specialty. Lounge and art gallery on premises.
ROUNDUP 59072	Busy Bee Cafe 317 1st Ave. W. P.O. Box 781 323-2204	SD	BLD	240	▼	VI MC	Daily 24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Home cooking, salad bar, bakery. Beer and wine served.
SHELBY 59474	Capital Cafe 248 Main St. 434-5345	SD	BL	120	▼		Daily 6:30am-4pm	TE BD	▼	▼		Tours served after 4pm with advance arrangements.
	Shelby's Fine Dining 215 Main St. 434-7186	SD BU	BLD	81	▼	MC VI	Daily 7am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Homecooked meals. Pizza, burgers, steak, seafood, sandwiches, light entrees, salads.
SIDNEY 59270	Eagle Cafe 102 E. Main St. 702 9th Ave. SE 482-1839	SD	BLD	86	▼		Mon.-Thurs. 4:30am-10pm Fri.-Sat. 24 hours Sun. 6pm close	BD	▼			
ST. MARY 59417	Johnson's of St. Mary Rural Route 732-5565	SD	BLD	150	▼	MC VI	Daily April-Nov. 7am-9:30pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Serve large family-style meals. Indian and early American artifacts.
ST. REGIS 59866	Jaspers Restaurant Old US Hwy 10 W. P.O. Drawer L 649-2416	SD	BLD	71		VI AE MC	5:30am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Historic photograph collection. Lounge on premises.
	JG's Family Restaurant I-90, exit 33 P.O. Drawer G 649-2407	SD	BLD	100		AE MC VI	Daily 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge and gift shop on premises. Escort and driver gift certificates.
SUPERIOR 59872	JG's Family Restaurant I-90, exit 47 822-4967	SD	BLD	80		AE MC VI	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in heart of interchange. Lounge on premises.
SWAN LAKE 59911	Alpine Chalet Restaurant/Motel 71284 Montana 83, mile marker 71 1/2 P.O. Box 435, Bigfork 886-2226	SD	BLD	45			Daily 7am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Swiss chalet decor, across from Swan Lake. Homemade meals; specialty soups, breads and desserts
THREE FORKS 59752	Sacajawea Inn 5 N. Main St. P.O. Box 648 285-6515 800-821-7326	SD	D	50		AE MC VI	Daily 7am-11pm		▼		▼	Breakfast served to guests, lunch with advance arrangements. Built in 1910.
	Custer's Last Root Beer Stand 23 W. Date St. 285-6713 or 285-3605	SD FF	LD	50			11am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	American, Italian, Mexican food.
TOWNSEND 59644	Fireside Casino US Hwy 12 E., 1.5 mi E of Townsend P.O. Box 797 266-3516	SD BU	LD	75	▼	MC VI	Mon.-Sat. 11am-11pm Sun. 9am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located across from fairgrounds and airport. Prime rib specialty. Sunday brunch. Lounge on premises.
	The Mint of Townsend 305 Broadway P.O. Box 656 266-9991 266-5713	SD BU	BLD	200	▼		Daily 6am-midnight		▼	▼	▼	Advance notice required for banquet facilities. Easy access off US Hwy 12 and 287. Lounge on premises.
VALIER 59486	Frantzie's Restaurant & Lounge 317 Teton Ave. P.O. Box 372 279-3727	SD BU	D	64		MC VI	Wed.-Sun. 3pm-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Steak, seafood, optional buffet. Special hours available for groups. Lounge on premises.

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WEST GLACIER 59936	Glacier Highland Restaurant US Hwy 2 E. P.O. Box 397 888-5427 800-766-0811	SD	BLD	68		MC VI	6:30am-10pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	Located across from Glacier National Historic Association. Beer and wine served.
WEST YELLOW-STONE 59758	Stage Coach Inn 209 Madison Ave. P.O. Box 160 646-7381 800-842-2882	SD CS	BLD	115	▼	AE VI DC MC	July-Sept. 15 6:30am-2pm 5pm-9:30pm Sept. 16-June 30 7am-2pm 5:30pm-9pm		▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises. Located in historic hotel with award-winning lobby.
	Three Bear Restaurant 217 Yellowstone Ave. P.O. Box 519 646-7811 800-221-1151	SD	BD	170	▼	CB MC VI DC	Dec.15-Mar.15 May 15-Oct.15 7am-10am 5pm-10pm	TE	▼	▼		Western decor. Lounge on premises. NTA and ABA member.
	Totem Restaurant & Lounge 115 Canyon P.O. Box 549 646-7630	SD	BLD	80		VI MC	Daily May-Oct.15 Dec.26-Mar.15 7am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises. Family dining featuring prime rib, seafood. Adjoining liquor store.
WHITEFISH 59937	Diamond K Chuckwagon Suppers 5121 US Hwy 93 S. 862-4914	SD BU	D	500		VI MC	Daily June 1-Sept. 1	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Western dinner and show with dinner. Located in a lovely RV Park.
	Logan's Grill 1205 US Hwy 93 W. 862-3000 800-321-8822	SD	BLD	96	▼	CB VI DC MC AE DSC	6:30am-2pm 5:30pm-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Located in Grouse Mountain Lodge adjacent to Whitefish Lake Golf Course. Decor features etched glass and taxidermy displays. Lounge on premises. Live poker. NTA and ABA member.
	Moguls Bar & Grille 3910 Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1400 862-3511	SD BU	BLD	100	▼	AE MC VI	Daily 8am-10pm		▼		▼	Old West barbeque specialty. Lounge on premises. Catering. Scenic views, gondola/lift rides available.
	Moose's on the Mountain Big Mountain Ski Resort 173 N. Main St., Kalispell (59901) 862-7771 755-2337	SD	LD	130		VI MC	Nov.-April 10am-2am	TE BD	▼		▼	Homemade pizza, sandwiches, Italian cuisine, steaks, burgers. Gambling, entertainment. Lounge on premises.
	Remington Casino 130 Central Ave. 862-0017	SD	BLD	55	▼	MC VI DSC	Sun.-Thurs. 7:30am-10:30pm Fri.-Sat. 7:30am-11:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lounge on premises. Buffets and banquets with advance notice.
	Summit House Restaurant Top of The Big Mountain P.O. Box 1400 862-3511	FF BU	BLD	200	▼	AE MC VI	Nov.-April May 15-Oct. Daily 8am-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Old West barbeque specialty. Lounge on premises. Catering. Scenic views, gondola/lift rides available.
WILLOW CREEK 59760	Blue Willow Inn 21 Main St. P.O. Box 106 285-6660	SD	LD	100	▼	MC VI	Summer Mon.-Sat. 11am-9pm Sun. 9am-8pm Winter Tues.-Thurs. 11am-8pm Fri.-Sat. 11am-9pm Sun.9am-8pm	TE	▼		▼	Unique antique atmosphere. Brunch on Sunday. Lounge on premises.
WISE RIVER 59762	Sundance Lodge Montana 43 689-3611	SD CS	BLD	45		MC VI	6am-6pm June-Oct.	TE BD	▼		▼	American cuisine. Buffet on request. Lounge on premises.

Transportation Services
Receptive Operators

Motorcoach Regulations

To avoid potential delays, register your ICC authority and purchase the necessary permits in advance of your trip(s). Call either:

Montana Group Travel Manager
800-548-3390, or
Montana Department of Highways
406-444-6130

to initiate the required permitting process. The necessary permits will be sent directly to you prior to your tour departure(s). Mastercard and Visa credit cards are accepted by the Montana Department of Highways for the required fuel user's permits and temporary trip permits. Credit card payments are not accepted by the Public Service Commission for the filing of your ICC authority.

We want your travel in Montana to be enjoyable and trouble-free. Stop at the first open weigh station to show your identification stamp and purchase permits not previously obtained. Priority attention will be given motorcoaches to ensure that your tour is detained no more than 15 minutes. After the paperwork is verified and the courtesy 72-hour permits issued, your motorcoach may "roll through" subsequent weigh stations throughout Montana.

The following information highlights the motorcoach regulatory guidelines outlined by Montana law.

1) Registration of ICC Authority

Before entering Montana, register your ICC authority with:

Montana Public Service Commission
1701 Prospect
Helena, MT 59620
406-444-6199

A one-time payment of $25 must accompany the application. Additionally a $5 bingo stamp must be placed on each vehicle that will enter Montana.

IMPORTANT: You are urged to register your authority prior to your arrival in Montana via the process outlined above. However, the Public Service Commission will grant a 30-day grace period to new carriers who have not formerly registered. This late application process may be initiated at the first open weigh station as you enter Montana.

2) Temporary Trip Permit

A temporary trip permit must be purchased from the Department of Highways based on the number of miles you will travel in Montana. These permits are valid for 72 hours and are void upon leaving the state. Rates are as follows:

Up to 200 miles - $10
200 to 400 miles - $15
Over 400 miles - $20

However, if you operate out of one of the states that belong to the International Registration Plan (IRP), and are licensed under the IRP with Montana shown on a cab card, reciprocity is granted. For more information contact:

Department of Transportation
Motor Carrier Services Division
P.O. Box 4639
Helena, MT 59604
406-444-6130

Temporary Fuel User's Trip Permit

You must either purchase a temporary fuel user's trip permit or apply for a special fuel user's license, or be licensed under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA).

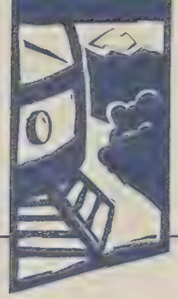
Purchase the $30 temporary fuel user's permit from the Department of Transportation, Gross Vehicle Division (listed above) or from a weigh station as you enter Montana. These temporary permits are valid for 72 hours. If you leave the state and then re-enter, a new temporary fuel user's trip permit must be purchased. For extended stays of more than 72 hours, contact the Department of Transportation at the address shown above to make the necessary permitting arrangements.

If you operate in Montana on a regular basis, file an application for a special fuel user's license with the Department of Transportation **prior** to your tour departure (see contact address and telephone number below). You may also initiate this application process by posting a $100 cash bond at your first Montana weigh station stop. This license requires filing quarterly reports.

As of 1991, Montana has joined IFTA, the International Fuel Tax Agreement. Motorcoaches licensed in their home state under IFTA may travel through Montana and file reports as required in the Agreement.

For more information on the special fuel user's license or the International Fuel Tax Agreement, contact:

Department of Transportation
Motor Fuels Tax Division
P.O. Box 4639
Helena, MT 59604
406-444-3474



Charter Bus Companies

Beach Transportation Company
Mount Avenue
Missoula, MT 59801
406-549-6121

Emergency phone: 406-251-3936, 406-251-4509 or 406-543-8701.

Pick-up points: Full ICC authority. Operates in all states and Canada.

Equipment: 47-passenger MCI coaches with A/C, PA, and recliner seats and restrooms. 41-passenger MCI with A/C, PA and recliner seats. School buses and vans.

Additional services: Limited mechanical, cleaning, dumping, garaging, step-on guides.

Cody Bus Lines
P.O. Box 1168
Red Lodge, MT 59068
800-733-2304

Emergency phone: 406-446-2818

Pick-up points: All points in Montana for interstate movements.

Equipment: 39- and 47-passenger MCI coaches with A/C and restrooms. Also have 12- and 24-passenger mini-coaches with A/C.

Glacier Park, Inc.
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406-226-5531 or 406-226-5532
602-248-6000 (Sept. 15 - May 15)

Pick-up points: Glacier National Park, Kalispell, Great Falls.

Equipment: 42-passenger coaches and 18-passenger "Rollback-Top" scenic coaches.

Hall Transit Charter Service Company, Inc.
1310 Birch
Helena, MT 59601
406-442-5654 or 406-468-2714
Emergency phone: 406-468-2714

Pick-up points: All points in Montana for interstate groups. Great Falls and Helena for intrastate groups.

Equipment: 47-passenger coaches with A/C and restrooms. One with VCR and stereo. One with galley. 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s.

Additional services: Mechanical, cleaning, garaging, dumping.

Karst Stage, Inc.
511 N. Wallace
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-8567 (24 Hours)

Pick-up points: Interstate groups at all points in Montana. Intrastate groups in Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, West Yellowstone.

Equipment: 96" and 102" 47-passenger MCI coaches with A/C, PA and restrooms. 40-passenger VIP coach with A/C, PA, restroom, galley, six TVs, VCR system.

Additional services: Mechanical, cleaning, garaging, dumping.

Rocky Mountain Transportation, Inc.
1410 E. Edgewood Dr.
Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-2538

Emergency phone: 406-862-2550

Pick-up points: Kalispell, Whitefish, Great Falls, Glacier National Park, Libby, Polson, Cut Bank.

Equipment: 15-passenger vans. MCI including 102C3 47-passenger coach with A/C, restroom, video, telephone and PA.

Sightseeing Services in the National Parks

Glacier National Park

One of the scenic highlights of Glacier National Park is driving the Going-to-the-Sun Road. The high, winding, narrow nature of the 23-mile central section of the road necessitates limiting travel. Commercial vehicles are not allowed on the central section of Going-to-the-Sun Road. Tour operators may take vehicles from West Glacier to Lake McDonald Lodge (10 miles) on the west side of the park, or from St. Mary Lake to Rising Sun Motor Inn (six miles) on the east side of the park. Commercial tour vehicles are permitted to travel all other park roads. Noncommercial vehicles traveling Going-to-the-Sun Road may not exceed eight feet in width and 30 feet in length, including extensions like mirrors and bumpers, from July 1 - Labor Day. Restrictions between September and June are eight feet in width and 35 feet in length. Transportation on Going-to-the-Sun Road and to other destinations within Glacier National Park may be arranged on a fleet of 1936 rollback-top touring cars. For more information contact:

Glacier Park, Inc.
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406-226-5531 or 406-226-5532

Yellowstone National Park

Motorcoaches travel throughout Yellowstone National Park without restrictions. Step-on guides are available through many of the receptive operators and step-on guide services on page 100 and through the main concessionaire:

TW Recreational Services, Inc.
Yellowstone Park Division
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7901

Train Service

Amtrak passenger service parallels U.S. Highway 2 along the Hi-Line in northern Montana. Passenger depot stops, from west to east, are in Libby, Whitefish, Glacier Park, Browning, Cut Bank, Shelby, Havre, Malta, Glasgow and Wolf Point. Trains run daily, east and west. For more information, call your nearest Amtrak office.

Charter Air Service

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Big Sky Airlines
Marketing Department
P.O. Box 31397
Billings, MT 59107-1397
406-245-9449

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Commercial Air Service

Billings (406)657-8495	Bozeman (406)388-6632	Butte (406)494-3771	Glasgow (406)228-4323	Glendive (406)687-3625	Great Falls (406)727-3404	Havre (406)265-4671	Helena (406)442-2821	Kalispell (406)257-5994	Lewistown (406)538-3264	Miles City (406)232-3900	Missoula (406)543-8631	Sidney (406)482-2415	West Yellowstone (406)646-7631* (406)444-2506**	Wolf Point (406)653-1740	AIRLINES
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*Summer only **Winter only

Receptive Operators and Step-on Guide Services

The following companies can provide professional guide and escort service, meal arrangements and local sightseeing packages for group tours. Many of these companies also offer a full complement of receptive tour planning services as well as prepackaged tours of Montana and surrounding states and provinces.

American West Adventures, Inc.
P.O. Box 10
Billings, MT 59103
406-252-9711
FAX 406-252-3590

American West Adventures, Inc. offers prepackaged tours, step-on guides, and add-on side excursions, specializing in Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, Little Bighorn Battlefield, Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

American West Adventures is a full-service receptive operator, with a complete range of air and ground services, as well as activities for FIT visitors. Pre-arranged itineraries are available and customized itineraries can be arranged.

Anderson-Elerding Travel Service, Inc.
P.O. Box 2185
Great Falls, MT 59403
800-735-9299
FAX 406-7274221

Custom tour arranging and step-on guide service with professional tour managers throughout the Pacific Northwest. Fully bonded and insured full-service tour and travel agency will custom make your tour package. NTA and ASTA member. References upon request. Multilingual guides available.

Custer Battlefield Tours
(dba) Action Travel
416 Cody Ave.
Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1580
800-331-1580
FAX 406-665-3133

Step-on guide service for Little Bighorn Battlefield, Crow and Cheyenne Indian reservations, southeast Montana and Yellowstone National Park. Assistance can be given for all ground arrangements and tour planning. Specializing in small groups, families, and individuals with personalized itineraries. Member NTA and ASTA.

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(dba) Livery Travel
25 Neill Ave.
Helena, MT 59601
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800-823-2323 (Montana)
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FAX 406-442-3764

Receptive services for groups and individuals in Montana and surrounding Rocky Mountain area. Customized itineraries and packaged tours throughout the northwest and Canada. Step-on guides and foreign languages interpreters available. Fully bonded and insured travel agency. Member ASTA.

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West Yellowstone, MT 59758
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Kalispell, MT 59901
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Butte, MT 59701
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Missoula, MT 59801
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800-735-2644 (nationwide)
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P.O. Box 369
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-93 10
800-221-1151
FAX 406-646-9490

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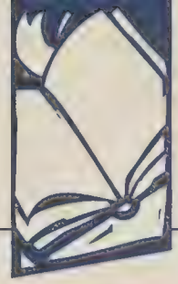

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